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## WHAT WAS HIS CREED.

There was a man: his soul was true,  
His judgment incorrupt, his mind  
Bowed only at the shrine of truth,  
His heart was warm, his manners kind;  
He strove to do his duty well,  
What was his creed? I cannot tell.  
At times his pure and happy life  
A calm and even current ran;  
Then care, and grief, and pain and wrong  
Made his the common lot of man.  
But, good or ill, he bore it well.  
What was his creed? I cannot tell.  
For faults and errors of mankind  
Reproaches bitter he disdained.  
The base, the cruel and the false  
His stern and fearless censure gained.  
The Golden Rule he practiced well.  
What was his creed? I cannot tell.  
His love of man, active, unfeigned,  
By narrow limits unconfined,  
O'erspread the bounds of nation, race,  
And faith embracing all mankind.  
For man as man he laboured well.  
What was his creed? I cannot tell.  
A generous portion of his means  
And time and strength he gladly gave  
For others' wealth—the poor to bless,  
The sad to cheer, the lost to save:  
Prizing his life to spend it well.  
What was his creed? I cannot tell.  
Wisely he lived, and when he died  
The stranger had a word of praise;  
And many heedless paused to think,  
And many turned to better ways,  
And those who differed love him well.  
What was his creed? I cannot tell.  
Like the sweet scent of flowers dead,  
Like the soft light of sunset sky,  
His memory lived, and many said:  
"How sad that such a man should die!"  
They knew his worth who knew him well.  
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## BORDERLAND

AFTER DEATH—WHAT?

BY CHARLES DAWBARN.

CHAPTER SECOND.

[Continued.]

As to how and when this new body was shaped and manufactured, spirit return is silent. It will not satisfy the thinker, to tell him it was evolved from the old body, although that is the common and accepted explanation. For if

that were the case we should want a further explanation as to why and how 'he gets rid of certain organs which would of course 'spiritualise' but are not wanted over there.

For instance the entire sexual organs of both sexes, could be of no service over there, for either they are not begotten and born as spirits, or if so born it is by some process of which we have been left totally ignorant by the the revelation of spirit return. Yet, if we think a moment, we see the absurdity of supposing liver, heart, and lungs to 'spiritualise' and yet the sexual organs to remain purely mortal, and unable to cross the divide.

Nature in earth life directs all her energies to the continuance of species by propagation, and we are often pointed to the ingenuity by which she effects this result. Every form is designed with end in view, and for this one purpose. It is still another absurdity to suppose that the spirit form can be like ours, for it needs none of these ingenious schemes and designs. Yet we repeat our question, how are they to be left behind, and how am I to recognise my old friend whose new form is unshaped by having all the sexual organs left out?

We know by experience on earth that in a refined atmosphere the lungs have to increase in size. Dogs taken to the highlands of Mexico cannot run without immediate exhaustion. But their offspring can. So the lungs will have to change, and the new form must adapt itself to that change.

But our mortal form is arranged and planned for a system of mastication, assimilation and excretion which keeps Boards of Health busy selecting and branding eatables and drinkables, and enforcing elaborate systems of sanitation. How the spirit escapes all this we have never learned. But even if a spirit strolls up to a ripe peach, with his hands in his pockets, and just suck its delicious flavor and essence, he must have some way of assimilating the necessary, and rejecting the rest, that requires organs very differently constituted to ours. We cannot suppose he just lives on 'baby food' such as is loudly recommended here, for that is far too course

for entrance into spirit life. His eyes may become microscopes or telescopes; his ears audiphones; and he may go around catching thoughts as they fly, and sorting them for his private perusal, but all this demands organs very different to ours, and would make us shout 'ghost' if we happened to meet a spirit loved one at some midnight hour.

In a word since the spirits are living in an atmosphere, and amid conditions impossible to us, they must have bodies so different to ours that we cannot even guess how they got them by any process of evolution. And most certainly we would not recognize them if we came across old friends strolling in one of the parks of the New Jerusalem. Of course we get all sorts of guesses how its done, by way of learned explanation, but we want solid facts that will 'hitch on', as every effect must 'hitch on' to its cause.

This is a little peep into the coming mysteries, it is only the beginning of our troubles. We accept spirit return as a fact demonstrated by abundant experience, but do not let us pretend to be learned and scientific, and know, or even guess how its done, and what shaped garments the yesterday mortal is having made for today. The writer most humbly acknowledges that he cannot answer questions on this interesting subject, at least from any scientific or common sense standpoint.

We now, in our imagination, and pocketing our present experiences of spirit return, pass on the beyond and begin to search for solid facts on which to build our philosophy. And, once again, we repeat our query "After death—what?"

[To be Continued.]

## SACRED SCIENCE.

THE HIGHEST THOUGHT CURE.

Reviewed by LIDA BRIGGS BROWNE

This is the title of the latest book of Oliver C. Sabin of 1329 M. St., Washington, D. C., who has done much for the cause of Mental

Theraputies by his "Chistology, Divine Healing, Truth Unchained" etc. "Sacred Science" is a book of only 131 pages, neatly bound in cloth, price \$1.00. It contains valuable information for the advanced student that is worth many times its price.

It comprises a series of lessons on how to control the mind and the various organs of the body so as to maintain perfect health and treat those who are sick; how to control breath so as to destroy wrinkles and old age and bring peace and harmony; how to clarify the brain and spiritualize the body and surround one self and others with vibratory currents that keep away all disease, disasters and inharmonies.

In this book Mr. Sabin teaches one how to attain the superconscious condition so that inspiration, spiritual illumination and mental and physical vigor may be obtained. When through these teachings this state is reached he says we will know as the Infinite knows and the past and future will be open to us as well as the present, and people will not have to tell us what they are thinking about for we will know it without. He warns his students against using these God given powers except for good, as if turned to other uses they will destroy the one so using them.

It will be remembered by many that Mr. Sabin revolted from the narrow way laid down by the regular Christian Scientists and started a school of thought of his own in Washington D. C., where he is Bishop of his church, edits the "News Letter" and has a Metaphysical University for students. Since he let the mental bars down he has investigated in many directions and in this book says: "I have no doubt that the spirits that have gone beyond are clothed in their proper spiritual bodies and are progressing with their work and at times are with us."

Undoubtedly some of the learned ones from the highest spheres are giving to his mentality the thoughts laid down in the pages of this book. They are worthy of careful perusal by the advanced student.



## CONGRESS OF NATIVE AMERICANS.

Strange and wonderful people to be seen at the World's Fair.

At the World's Fair in St. Louis are assembled now tribes, groups and families of the strangest and most wonderful people on earth. In no portion of the wonderful display has a finer sense of selection obtained than in the assembly of North American Indians. Chief among these are the Zunis, Mokis and Pueblos to be seen at the Cliff Dwellers Concession.

The North American Indian of the story-books is familiar enough to all Americans, but the Cliff Dwellers descendants have really not been known to the outside world since 1897 when the first effort was made by scientific men to study and describe their manners, habits and customs. This occurred at the little settlement of Wolpi, in the so-called Painted Desert of the Colorado in Arizona where the Mokis and Zunis then for the first time consented to dance that miracle working rite known as the Snake Dance. Like all our native races, the Mokis have their priesthood. This is made up of old men who possess the power of divination.

Hokiland is an arid country, rain is scarce and the Mokis and Zunis, never a savage people, live largely by agriculture. Hence the need of rain, hence in the still lapse of ages the cultivation of mysterious rites by which the simple savages of the western continent sought to draw the replenishing waters from the skies to their parched fields.

The Snake Dance is that rite. It is danced every year on the 25th day of August at Wolpi in the Painted Desert. After it had been danced, the ceremonial requiring several days of body-racking labor which no white man would survive, the priests consult and fix a day when rain is asked of their dieties. This rain, strange to relate is never denied the Hoki priests. After their first consultation they announce the time when their prayers will be answered and lo: unfailingly year after year it rains in Hokiland.

The priests, medicine men and dancers use snakes in this dance; not harmless little ones but eight and ten foot rattlers, poison-fanged whose bite would be instant and horrible death to any living white man. The Indians charm these rattlers, they also use gala monsters, the very sight of which would give us of Caucasian blood the chill of dissolution.

During the dance the priests vex the snakes with feather wands; they tease them to viperous madness and the more the reptiles are aroused say the priests, the surer are the signs of rain. To see the priests and medicine men at the Cliff Dwellers dance all around these

reptiles, knock them about the stage in the Theatre Hoki connected with the Concession until they emit the blood-curdling hiss and then the vipers are at their worst, deftly pick them up and carry them about in priestly mouths is the only sight to be seen at the World's Fair that has not been, in some shape or other exhibited before. Here is a true novelty, one which to witness means to relate to your neighbors, friends and children for many years to come.

This Zuri and Hoki exhibition has attracted scientific men from all parts the world to the Cliff Dwellers Concession. All the big congresses that have convened in the Hall of Congress have had their representatives at these Cliff Dweller dances. The governments of many foreign states have ordered special reports of these eminently curious aboriginal proceedings.

The dances fascinate old and young alike and if there was nothing else whatsoever to be seen in the Cliff Dwellers exhibit, this one act alone would have justified the enormous expense of bringing these natives to St. Louis and building a home for them in which they live just as is their wont on the Mesa out West.

## DISEUR DE BON MOTS.

With few exceptions, people born between the 18th and the 28th of August (any year) will be much attracted, in the coming year or two, towards unusual or romantic affairs; travel, steam, electrical or motor contrivances, curiosities, oddities and occult subjects.

It is there time, such as comes to them but once in a life time, to make worldly advances in business or in ambitional matters. It is to them that especial time spoken of by Shakespeare as "the tide . . . which when taken at the flood leads on to fortune."

For these people—in the main—the opportunities will be exceptionally good, in these particular lines of interest. It is for them, now, to put their shoulders to the wheel and push altogether with the tide.

The same may be said of people born between the 18th and the 28th of October, February and April. These four Decanates of especial spirit forces [in mortal forms are now in line for especial favors through natural laws, and they are saddled and harnessed to blend "Determination, criticism, absorbed knowledge and magnetic powers" for great good to the world, and honors to themselves, if they do not fritter away their opportunities in mere animal gratifications.—C. H. W.

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## A PARTIAL LIST OF CAMP-MEETINGS OF THE SEASON 1904.

### UNITY CAMP MEETING.

Washington State Spiritualists Association Camp Meeting at Edgewood Camp, Surprise Lake, from July 31 to August 21, 1904. Closing August 22 and 23, with 8th annual convention. For particulars apply to Julian W. Smith, secretary; 1115 North Fifth street, Tacoma, Wash.

The Lynn Spiritualists Association will hold meetings every Sunday at Unity Camp, Saugus Center, Mass., commencing June 5, and ending Sept. 25. For all particulars address Mrs. A. A. Averill, 42 Smith street, Lynn, Mass.

Island Lake, Mich.—The Island Camp, at Island Lake, Mich., 42 miles from Detroit, on the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, commences July 10, and extends through the month of August. For full programme address H. R. La Grange, Secretary, 84 Bass Mont-Calm street, Detroit, Mich.

An excellent programme has been prepared for the coming season. We have under contract such speakers as mediums as B. F. Austin, G. W. Kates and wife, Amanda Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. White, D. A. Herrick, Dr. Julia M. Walton, Mrs. Margaret LaGrange, W. V. Nicum, and others. Farmer Riley will positively be with us the first two weeks of camp. Every phase of mediumship will be represented. Correspondence solicited with first class trumpet and slate-writing mediums.

Lake Brady, Ohio.—The Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp meeting opens July 3 and closes September 4. For full programme address, A. G. Kock, Akron, Ohio.

Freeville, N. Y.—The dates for the Central New York Spiritual Association Camp-meeting, at Freeville, N. Y., are from July 23 to Aug. 22, four weeks and five Sundays. Owing to the protracted and severe illness of our secretary, Miss Victoria C. Moore, I am acting secretary, to whom all letters pertaining to the camp should be addressed. W. W. Kelsey, President, Cortland N. Y.

Maple Dell Park, Ohio.—The American Spiritual, Religious and Science Union will hold a camp session at Maple Dell, commencing July 24 and closing Sept. 1. Lucy King, corresponding secretary. Address with stamp, Box 45, Mantua, Ohio. The grounds will be open for family reunions, Sunday-school picnics, and Sunday meetings, etc., from June 1 to Sept. 15.

Grand Ledge, Mich.—The Grand Ledge (Mich.) camp opens July 31 and closes August 28. For full programme address J. W. Ewing, Grand Ledge, Mich.

Onset Camp—Commences July 24 and ends August 28. For full programme and particulars address the secretary of the camp, Onset, Camp.

Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton Iowa, The camp session of the M. V. S. A., Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton Iowa, will open July 31 and close August 28. For programmes address Mollie B. Anderson, secretary, Clarksville, Mo.

Forest Home, Mich.—The fifth annual camp-meeting opens at Snowflake, Mich., July 31 and closes Aug. 21. Write to Mrs. Ruth Eastman, secretary, Mancelona, Mich., Box 69, for full particulars.

Chesterfield, Ind.—Chesterfield, (Ind.) camp meeting opens July 14 and closes August 28. For programs and other information address Lydia Jessup, secretary, Chesterfield, Ind.

Delphos Camp, Kans.—This camp meeting will begin August 5, closing August 22. Address all communications to I. N. Richardson, secretary, Delphos, Kans.

Lake Sunopee, N. H. Camp—Lake Sunopee Spiritualists' Camp-meeting will open July 31st and close August 28th, being four weeks and five Sunday. Lorenzo Worthen, Secretary.

## SPIRITUALISTS, BE UP AND DOING.

MRS. CLARA U. MYERS

Work for brother man and sister woman. All men, all women, some time, some how, some where love God and are blessed. Why not do that now, and be blessed now? Why not be free at once? The righteous life with God is the only blessed and successful life.

You must now be up and doing, or your cause will loose ground. You are all making your own condition; as you sow, shall you reap. Can you not see what you are all doing? Let peace and harmony reign among your people, and let go your old ideas and opinions. It is not for you to say, it is what the law demands of you.

Honesty and Justice to all. Get out of the idea that you are the only one, for there are many who may excel, as all this is a progressive time.

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carated in his form, and many others whom we might mention, and that which is most needed as preparatory to the on-coming of this tidal wave, as it were, of enlightenment, is to know thyself, to turn the X ray of inspection on ourselves, to look within and to unfold and learn more and more, looking at our own faults and rectifying them, rather than searching for the bean in our brother's eye. Life is too precious to be trifled away, every opportunity of unfoldment should be grasped, while one is passing this way, for they pass not this way again.

Q. How can the spirit friends be happy when they see the sorrows and troubles of their loved ones on earth?

A. The spirits can see the outcome of those things that appear such calamities and misfortunes to those on earth, knowing that, that which looks so dark to their earth friends will eventually pass away. "Things are not what they seem."

That which appears as a disappointment is many times a blessing in disguise. The mother watching her little one trying to shield it from all harm cannot prevent its injuries at all times, but she knows when it burns its fingers it is only temporary pain, that teaches it to beware of the fire another time. It is through experience we grow, ultimately everything works together for good, and our spirit friends knowing this are not always unhappy, though at times they are very grieved and try in every way to help you.

Q. Do animals have souls?

A. There is nothing in the universe that does not have a soul. Rocks, wood, metals, etc, all have life, likewise animals, they are all links in the great chain of life, when they pass out of the body their souls gravitate toward a plane in the world of spirits and are not lost, and they return to their former masters through the power of attraction and are often described by clairvoyants who see them distinctly. Some dogs have more intelligence than their owners and are man's best friend and many times have died of a broken heart upon the graves of those to whom they have been attached. Scientists have proven through the powers of radium and X rays that the spirit of an animal after having been placed in an air tight box can be seen ascending into the atmosphere, this proves that animals do have souls.

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carated in his form, and many others whom we might mention, and that which is most needed as preparatory to the on-coming of this tidal wave, as it were, of enlightenment, is to know thyself, to turn the X ray of inspection on ourselves, to look within and to unfold and learn more and more, looking at our own faults and rectifying them, rather than searching for the bean in our brother's eye. Life is too precious to be trifled away, every opportunity of unfoldment should be grasped, while one is passing this way, for they pass not this way again.

Q. How can the spirit friends be happy when they see the sorrows and troubles of their loved ones on earth?

A. The spirits can see the outcome of those things that appear such calamities and misfortunes to those on earth, knowing that, that which looks so dark to their earth friends will eventually pass away. "Things are not what they seem." That which appears as a disappointment is many times a blessing in disguise. The mother watching her little one trying to shield it from all harm cannot prevent its injuries at all times, but she knows when it burns its fingers it is only temporary pain, that teaches it to beware of the fire another time. It is through experience we grow, ultimately everything works together for good, and our spirit friends knowing this are not always unhappy, though at times they are very grieved and try in every way to help you.

Q. Do animals have souls?

A. There is nothing in the universe that does not have a soul. Rocks, wood, metals, etc, all have life, likewise animals, they are all links in the great chain of life, when they pass out of the body their souls gravitate toward a plane in the world of spirits and are not lost, and they return to their former masters through the power of attraction and are often described by clairvoyants who see them distinctly. Some dogs have more intelligence than their owners and are man's best friend and many times have died of a broken heart upon the graves of those to whom they have been attached. Scientists have proven through the powers of radium and X rays that the spirit of an animal after having been placed in an air tight box can be seen ascending into the atmosphere, this proves that animals do have souls.

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It is with pleasure that I hereby express to you the fraternal greetings of the California State Spiritualists' Association. The cordial relations existing between you and this Association of the past, are, we believe, still maintained in harmony on both sides. It is a source of encouragement to be assured that the Auxiliary Societies are working with us for the cause of Truth.

The Ninth Annual Convention of our State Association will be held in Oakland on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1904. Business sessions, Friday and Saturday; entertainments, lectures, conferences and the presentation of phenomena, Evenings and all day Sunday.

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Report blanks have been mailed to secretaries of each Auxiliary Society of the Cal. S. S. Association. It is hoped that the Reports will be forwarded to the secretary to be received at his office 305 Larkin street, not later than August 27th inst. Report blanks have been mailed to all endorsed workers of the Cal. S. S. Association as provided by Section 7, Article 1 of By-Laws.

Please do not forget the fact that the Societies, the Ministers, Endorsed Mediums, and the Individual Members compose the State

Association and that the success of the coming Convention depends upon the devotion and cooperation of all. We as Spiritualists must be up and doing if we would perpetuate our glorious cause ever watchful of our right and guarding well our vantage ground.

Our workers are being persecuted and deprived and forbidden to exercise their spiritual gifts. The Spiritualists of California should turn out at the coming convention in such numbers as will make it the most important of any in the past.

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W. T. JONES,  
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A LETTER FROM OREGON.

Oregon City, Ore. July 24, 1904  
EDITOR JOURNAL:

I wish to say a few words through your columns, which if you think proper to publish I hope will have the effect of causing at least a few to think more deeply of the responsibilities that rest on them, when they enlist in the cause of Spiritualism.

I once had a friend who recently lost through death, a little daughter and a well loved brother; her grief was terrible, and I soon thought of the blessed religion of Spiritualism as a means of comfort; I persuaded her to attend a Spiritualist Camp meeting with me, and a medium there gave her some very clear tests which pleased her very much; she was so interested and anxious to go again that a few days later, we again attended.

Seated in the audience close to myself and friend were some ladies and gentleman who took part in and seemed to be interested in Spiritualistic work; they were jesting and using slang phrases that seemed very much out of place at a gathering of people who profess to believe that the spirits of our loved ones so often return to be with us as one cannot think of their loved dead, or the gentle spirit of Jesus as moving about among people who use profane and vulgar language. My friend was shocked and distressed and although I did what I could, she has shown but little interest in the subject since. I was very sorry and I thought "how useless is their work."

They had spent hours helping the Ladies Union, learning songs and declamations and in helping in various ways. But by their foolish talk, a soul went away hungry, and their work in one case at least has been in vain.

Do not think that I believe we

should come with long drawn and sanctimonious faces, for I truly believe we should indulge in all the innocent merriment and jesting that we feel disposed, but let it be innocent, not coarse, vulgar, nor slangy and then it will in no way injure the cause; and if we wish to be workers and help the good work along dear friends, let us remember our responsibility, for all eyes are on us.

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THE REAL ISSUE.

BY B. F. FRENCH.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

Some of the Spiritualist papers are publishing articles, as they say from "Master Minds." I make no claim as belonging to such class, possibly however a few thoughts from the servant or slave class may serve to give variety to the menu of the table; Spiritualistic, as weekly prepared in the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.

A few words only, I care to say on the hackneyed subject of fraud; all Spiritualists and others, attending materializing, trumpet, or slate writing seances should insist on strict test conditions, if the medium refuses these, do not patronize such mediums the second time, and persuade others to do likewise; this is the quickest and surest way to break up fraud mediumship; if people will not do this, they have no right to complain of fraud.

To my mind there are questions affecting Spiritualism far more seriously and vitally than the fraud question; Spiritualism came to earth to redeem its people from ignorance, error, poverty and crime, it has done much toward the abolishing ignorance and falsehood, what has it done toward the abolition of poverty and crime? little or nothing.

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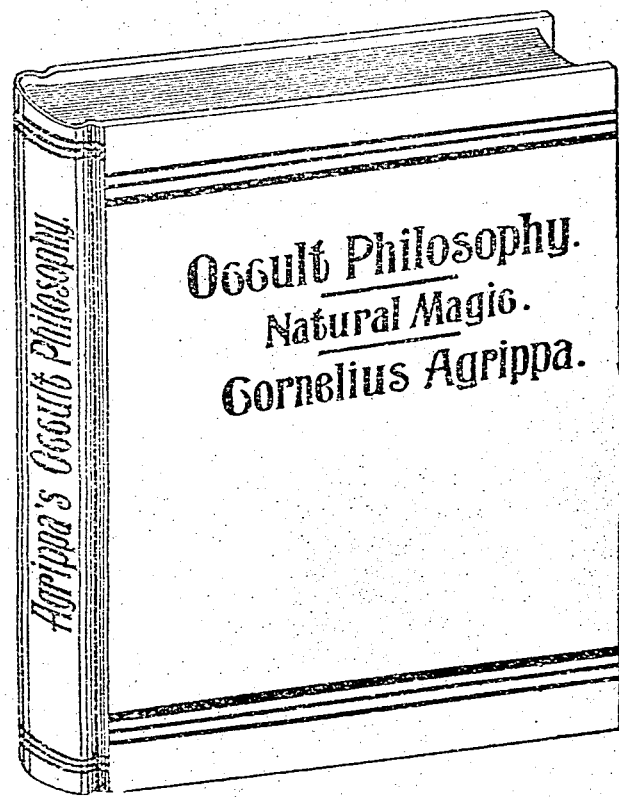
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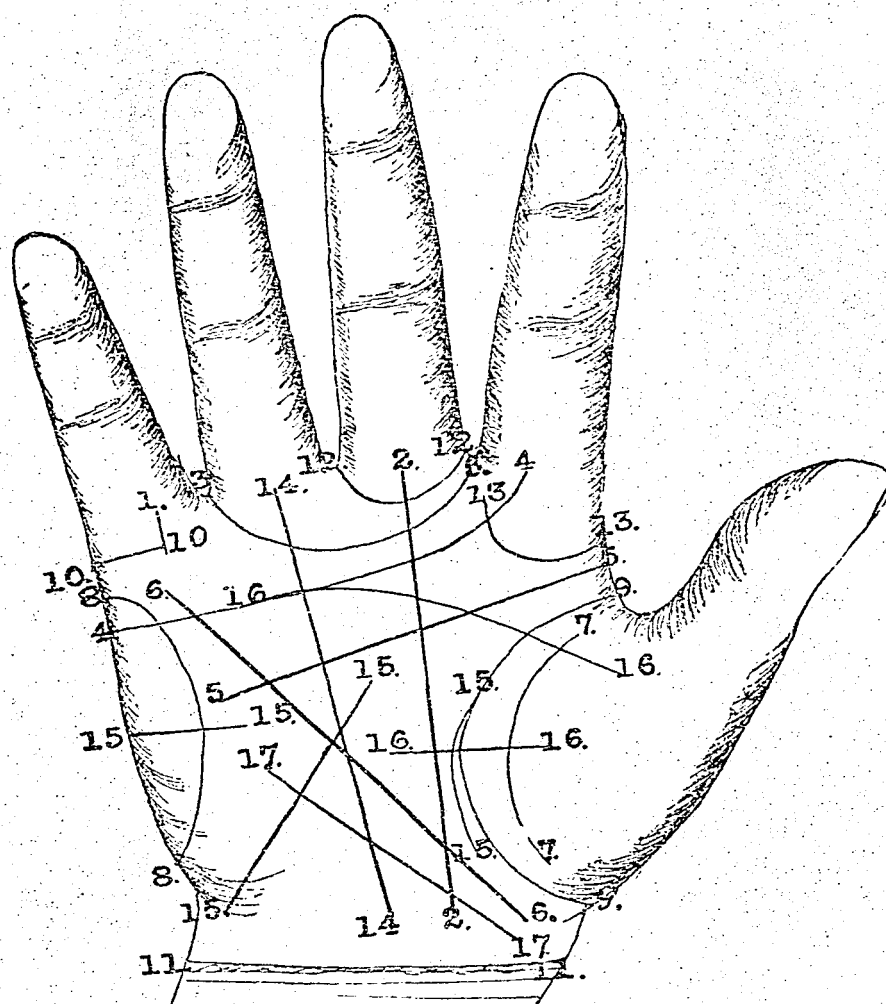
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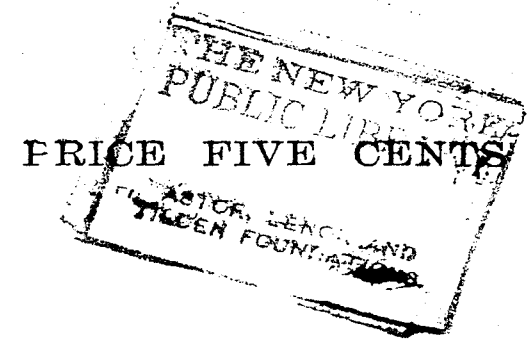
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## Waiting at Celestial Portals.

Loosed from earth's environment,  
Grief and pain are thine no more  
Drifting on the dim expanse,  
Of this shifting sea of chance,  
Shifting chance and accident  
Thou hast found the steadfast shore.

Religion of souls's repose,  
Where life's shining river flows;  
Realm of deep tranquility;  
All things—land and sky and air—  
Thrilled by love's intensity;  
Law and order govern there.

And, by ways I cannot tell,  
I can enter where they dwell,  
Linger for a moment's space.  
See, though not with eye of sense,  
The calm splendor of the place,  
And the pure angelic grace,  
On each long-loved countenance.

Then I look in thy dear eyes,  
And God's heaven around me lies,  
For I breathe the atmosphere,  
And I touch the silent sphere  
Of divinest harmonies.

Lost earth's sweet companionships,  
Lost the touch of loving lips;  
Yet I see it, more and more,  
Slowly inward swings the door,  
Slowly outward flows the light,  
And the arms outstretched in greeting,  
All the blessed work completing;  
Oh, the rapture of the meeting;  
Oh, the wonder of the sight!

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## BORDERLAND

### A MESSAGE FROM THE SPIRIT SIDE OF LIFE.

My friends of earth, I come from the higher realms of life to greet you, and to describe to you some of the beautiful scenes we have over here, could you all but look into the great beyond, how much different you would all live while your stay was in the mortal form, first of all why not try to cultivate that spirit desire? then all other conditions can be made for you, and you too will be able to cast aside the spiritual veil that at present obstructs your view from the angel sight, for "it is only a thin veil between us."

We too are longing for that time to come, when we too shall see our friends and loved ones with that fully developed spiritual eye. Oh friends of earth make the vibrating connection so perfect in harmony that we all may reach mortal without so much pain or suffering as today from the earth side.

As we look down upon you poor weak mortals, we are fully convinced of the mortal suffering and anguish. Oh, do you not realize that something must be done to help the humanity of the earth plane, make new laws of love and let harmony exist over all your land. Let freedom reign supreme in and over all our universe.

At present your social affairs are in what we call a cloud of ignorance and inharmony working against fellow man and sister woman, the barriers of fate and folly must be unchained and together link the band of love and harmony with peace, happiness, health and success for one and all.

You mortals dwell to much with self and past. It is now and the present—you must meet. Live and look and learn; onward, forward and upward, we are one endless chain of vibratory action, always moving out into time and eternity, for it is a current that has no end—"Ye shall all know when you have learned that one law."

Oh, that you might all realize it now, but alas;—you seem to turn a deaf ear to all who wish for your own better conditions of your mortal plane.

We are now pleading with one and all, your land is in great dangers, I come to warn you, heed before it is too late, there will be great loss of life, and oh, help us to save you from peril and destruction.

Your labor question is what we call corrupt to the very core, why do you not all set an example for those who call themselves subjects of the law. You make your own laws, and they are all made in pure ignorance, why? for you have not followed out the first principle of the grand and great Golden Rule which was sent to your great world from the divine spirit of all that is good and pure.

It is your duty as fellow men and women to do all you can to help bring peace and send it broadcast over all the land.

Your undeveloped beings, can you not see what a mistake you are all making. Why do you force nature into such dreadful conditions.

Make you a new government, select your men that are pure and holy and men who are based on the true principles of life, not those who are living a lie. Oh! you base hypocrites of earth, you wretches, you are losing your hold, wake up before it is too late.

The most successful men you have on your earth are the poorest and humblest, with scarcely a place to lay their head. Why? Because a man who has courage and is forceful is not going to dodge sinners because his lot has been cast among sinners. The best plan is to be considerate with all you meet.

We don't all think alike and it is a good thing we don't. The main point too, is to think something, next do something, and do it now, and one thing at a time. Ignorance breeds nothing but crime, misery and sickness.

Man an intelligent reasoning being and not a brute, can and shall practice self control when desirable and necessary in order to obtain and enjoy happiness and health, in your own self destiny.

The study of mind is the only wisdom, now dear ones think, do something arouse yourselves. Your kind instructor,

Col. Robert Ingersoll,

through pen of Mrs. Clara U. Myers.

## FROM BORDERLAND.

When first released from mortal body affection held me to my earth home I could not for a time leave my dear companion without the soothing influence that my nearness could impart, and I know it has comforted her. Nor was I alone, my father and mother and others who had come before were here to meet and welcome me, and I felt so relieved and blest to be free from my mortal body and its weakness,

and to feel new life surging through my being. I still am so blest, that although human voice has been hushed. I can send over the lines some words of comfort to my dear companion, and assure her that the separation is only seeming, that I am as near to her as ever, and believe I have been able to make her understand. She I know is somewhat comforted.

Many, many times during my existence upon earth, I had anticipated the joy of a visit to the old haunts of youthful years, and will say, that it is fulfilled. I have been able to make the long desired visit and have enjoyed the delight of beholding the familiar faces of friends in the long ago.

Mother and Father bore me company, so did many others with whom I had been associated in earth life. My brothers who had recently passed from mortality met and joined our party, this was all natural and life like, just as it used to be when we went to meet friends expected on an incoming train. This has been to me a season of great rejoicing and crowning it all is the high privilege, of being able and permitted to come here and write of it, to my dear ones and friends of earth. My experiences so far have been confined to the earth, and I cannot now write of the heavenly homes. We shall soon return to my still dear Summerland of earth for a limited stay, and will then seek that fairer Summerland of human souls and investigate its beauties and possibilities.

I want to assure my dear wife that I shall not go beyond the reach of her call, but shall ever respond to her need, and memory will always fondly cherish the happy past while the knowledge of a more blissful future will compensate for the brief season of waiting. I send to all friends a kind greeting in particular my old spiritual teacher and friend Loveland, of whom the world is not worthy.

I now realize and appreciate the work he has done, and is still doing to break the fetters of ignorance and folly that bind humanity. The task has been an arduous one, while the world has gone on unmindful of his human needs. My soul goes



out to him in gratitude, for the inspired words that I have heard fall from his mortal lips. I would not be there again, I am not only satisfied, but am delighted with the change called Death.—W. Pitt Allen

### THE QUESTION?

"Can I be a Theosophist and a Spiritualist at the same time?" Yes, and no. You can be externally a consistent member of each at the same time. But some points you will accept with "mental reservation." Spiritualism embraces all truth.

There is no truth in Theosophy or any other cult that a Spiritualist may not acquire without joining. There is no limit—no "thus far and no further." If you think that Theosophy holds or teaches some truth that Spiritualism does not, and you know of no other way of its attainment but by joining, by all means do so.

Spiritualism has no boundary, all are at liberty to accept truth from any quarter, sect, or ism. Each society has some truth, no one contains the whole. Spiritualists do not claim to have it all, but are being led by the spirit into all truth, a lamp to the feet and a light to the path. The light only moves forward as the feet take steps. No advancement if you stand still.

No real Spiritualists embrace all that is called Spiritualism, nor do they accept everything that purports to come from spirit spheres. The wisest of men differ in their conclusions on subjects of which they have made a life study. Why should they not differ, for a time, at least after leaving their natural bodies? We believe in progression there is no progress for one who knows it all!

Because the same distinguished spirit tells a different story through a different medium or at a different time is no disparagement of the truth of Spiritualism. People on a different plane viewing things differently is no evidence of fraud or falsity. Both may from the standpoint given be correct.

Another person's honest opinion may not necessarily be yours, honestly believing a thing does not make it true.

There are some things we have learned by experience, whether there is a heaven or a hell for souls hereafter may not be so well known as the fact that both heaven and hell are right here where we now find ourselves. We are at liberty to choose which we will inhabit, or it may be which will inhabit us. Happiness is only to be found in well doing, people differ as to their conceptions of what is right, let us be charitable.

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### JEWISH PASTOR DOES NOT BELIEVE IN ORTHODOX HELL.

The Rev. Dr. Bernard M. Caplan of Sacramento has been chosen rabbi of the Bush street temple. The election was made at a meeting of the congregation. He delivered his first sermon at the regular Sabbath service August 6th, taking as the subject "What is Religion?"

Rabbi Caplan was educated in the public schools of New York City and holds the degrees of B. A. and M. A. from Columbia College. He pursued special studies in ethics, philosophy, literature and education, and later was graduated from the Jewish Theological College of New York. For five years he was rabbi of the leading Jewish congregation in Canada, where he was also Dominion chaplain. He came to Sacramento about two years ago and has ministered there with much success.

In a recent sermon Rabbi Caplan started his congregation by denying the existence of an orthodox hell. He said that it was true that the horrors of hell were in a way a power for good, as they served to enforce obedience to the moral law, but they were like heavy chains on the human soul, crushing out his freedom, its joy and its true moral beauty. He argued that the belief in hell was inconsistent with the idea of God's love and goodness. The rabbi said he could not love a God who would permit men, women and children to be tortured by fire or in any other way. The ethical idea of punishment was to prevent evil, he said, but not to avenge it.

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The Lynn Spiritualists Association will hold meetings every Sunday at Unity Camp, Saugus Center, Mass., commencing June 5, and ending Sept. 25. For all particulars address Mrs. A. A. Averill, 42 Smith street, Lynn, Mass.

Island Lake, Mich.—The Island Camp, at Island Lake, Mich., 42 miles from Detroit, on the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, commences July 10, and extends through the month of August. For full programme address H. R. La Grange, Secretary, 84 Eass Mont-Calm street, Detroit, Mich.

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Maple Dell Park, Ohio.—The American Spiritual, Religious and Science Union will hold a camp session at Maple Dell, commencing July 24 and closing Sept. 1. Lucy King, corresponding secretary. Address with stamp, Box 45, Mantua, Ohio. The grounds will be open for family reunions, Sunday-school picnics, and Sunday meetings, etc., from June 1 to Sept. 15.

Grand Ledge, Mich.—The Grand Ledge (Mich.) camp opens July 31 and closes August 28. For full programme address J. W. Ewing, Grand Ledge, Mich.

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Chesterfield, Ind.—Chesterfield, (Ind.) camp meeting opens July 14 and closes August 28. For programmes and other information address Lydia Jessup, secretary, Chesterfield, Ind.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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Q. How is it that before one is dead, their spirit can appear elsewhere?

A. Because they are just as much spirit in the body as out, nothing is impossible to spirit whether embodied or disembodied. It isn't the flesh that manifests, it's the spirit or life within it, for when the spirit takes its departure the body is powerless to act, or perform its usual functions, that proves its the spiritual essence that animates and manifests through the physical, and people who are still living, do appear in their spirit form to friends etc. Many sensitives go out of the body hundreds of times and as long as the current is not detached from the body, they can return at will.

Q. Do the spirits advocate vegetarianism?

A. Most assuredly yes; fruits, vegetables and cereals are the most nutritious and spiritual diet, it is not right to murder animals and eat their bodies for subsistence. People want to become spiritual and be unimpeded in their growth, and yet partake of the coarse decaying flesh of pigs and other animals. Every particle of flesh of the cow is poisoned from the fear she suffered when butchered. Fear, is what causes a cow to bawl, just before slaughtered, animals sense danger more readily than people do. The time will come when human beings will rise to such spiritual vibrations that they cannot partake of the slaughtered remains of their animal friends, any more than they would wish to eat one another, they will develop such strong love for everything that has the principle of life within it.

So many suffer from deranged stomachs etc., just from improper food, excessive coffee drinking clogs the liver and blood, and meat is worse, clear pure water is the best drink, and while we cannot lay down any special rules, for what is good for one is not good for another yet gradually as people evolve into higher grades of unfoldment, they will not desire coarse flesh foods and hearty drinks.

Q. How do the laws of life differ on other planets?

A. The laws of life do not differ on other planets. The same laws govern everywhere, in all worlds, but different planets are under different degrees of unfoldment and enlightenment, but all are as one system, whose motor power is the same. That which this planet throws off in its great revolutions is gathered up by the law of attrac-

tion and in time goes toward the production of other worlds yet to be, and they become more perfected as time rolls on and it takes many decades before they are inhabitable by animal or plant life. There are planets which are much more spiritualized and unfolded than the earth, where beings live who are very accomplished and have grand noble characters and aspirations, and some others which are not even ready for animal life yet, but all are governed by the same spirit power.

Q. Did Jesus raised the dead?

A. No, when one is dead, they cannot be brought to life again in the physical body. Jesus worked in accordance with the laws of existence, not against them. No one, not even a Jesus, can go outside or beyond the laws that govern, it would be the same as pushing the world outside of its orbit, everything has a magnetic orbit, human beings as well, and everything has to be done within that orbit or vibration. Jesus simply recalled the spirit into the body, which had been held in a comatose or trance condition, because he had the knowledge of the law, had the silver chord that holds the spirit to the physical form been detached, Jesus nor anyone else could have raised the "dead."

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Earth's incompleteness saddens, tires me. Tarry not, O beautiful death angel, for under your mask is the majesty of immortality. Often the restful face of the corpse is wreathed in a subdued smile, caused by a rift in the cloud, a glimpse of loving, waiting spirit friends, this is the glorious victory of Spiritualism."

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## ROBERT I AITKEN OFF FOR EUROPEAN TRIP.

Well-Known Young Sculptor Goes Out of State for First Time.

R. I. Aitken, the well-known California sculptor, has left for the East and Europe on a three months vacation trip. This is the first time Mr. Aitken has ever been out of California, and he expects to have a most enjoyable trip.

Mr. Aitken's artistic work and reputation precede him both in the eastern part of this country and in Europe, and on that account his friends predict for him a great deal of kindly hospitality and greeting wherever he goes.

His San Francisco friends formally bade him good-bye by giving him a farewell dinner.—S. F. Ex.

NOTE—Many readers of the JOURNAL will recall to mind, little Robbie Aitken, a bright boy who with his Mother, Brothers and Sisters, attended the "Childrens' Progressive Lyceum" in this city twenty years ago; those who knew him then and predicted for him a useful life, have watched with pleasure his remarkable success as a Sculptor and rejoice to know that he is held in so high esteem by his many friends and the further fact that one so young has won for himself such a wide reputation as an artist. May success follow him.

EDITOR.

## DESCRIBES A VISION SEEN AT A LONG DISTANCE.

Ernest Case, Wonder Worker, Tells What He Saw a Man 35 Miles Away Doing and What He Heard Him Say.

TOLEDO (Ohio), August 7.—Long before time for services to begin tonight the East Broadway Church was packed to the doors. Outside a crowd was awaiting for an opportunity to see Earnest Case, the wonderful "man of visions".

□ Every car brought more and pe-

destrians flocked from all parts of the compass. But they were in a measure doomed to disappointment. Earnest Case is just recovering from a severe illness and is a common workingman. He was so nervous and ill he dared not undertake to address the people, but promised to do so in two weeks. At the last moment he feared to face so large a crowd in his weakened condition. A wonderful thing occurred to him this week, as related by the Rev. Mr. Shupp tonight in the pulpit and vouched for by several ministers and others.

While sitting at the home of a friend he remarked that a certain man, naming him, whom he had not seen in many years, was just taking the train at Fostoria, thirty-five miles distant to come to Toledo to see him. He related just what conversation he had with brakemen and conductor on entering the train, which has today been verified to a word.

He says there is a light that points out all of these things to him. One local paper sent five separate reporters to see him, thinking there was some trickery. Every one came away thoroughly convinced of the genuineness of the man's wonderful visions and his phenomenal powers of discernment. In each instance he was put to the severest tests in the presence of scientists, ministers and theosophists. He has been examined by insanity experts, spiritualists, hypnotists, theosophists, newspaper experts, ministers, lawyers et al., but they do not vary in opinion or diagnosis an iota.—S. F. Ex.



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## CHRIST.

Mr. John Murphy in the JOURNALS of July 16th and 23rd seems to know a great deal about Christ; and as the book of Mathew which is the oldest and most authentic, gives two statements, as to the birth and parentage of Christ.

In the first chapter, Mathew gives his genealogy from Abraham down, through David to Joseph making him lineal descendant of these two great men, and again, in the same chapter he says: when Joseph took Mary to wife, she had already been espoused by some one, not himself, and when he was about to put her away privately: the angel of the Lord told him not to do so, for what was of her was of the Holy Ghost (or words to that effect.)

Now as these two accounts of his parentage are contradictory and exactly at variance with each other; for if he was a descendant of Abra-

ham, David and Joseph, he could not possibly have been of the Holy Ghost, and is he not frequently referred to in others chapters of the Testament as the son of David? and if of the Holy Ghost, he could not have been a descendant of Abraham and David.

So, one of these two statements if not both, must be false. Therefore will Mr. Murphy please inform us which of the two is correct and if one is false what evidence can be produced that both are not false? and I ask all the readers of this article to also read the first chapter of Mathew and judge for themselves.

Again supposing Mr. Murphy to be a Spiritualist and more or less associated with mediums, and as we have had communications from spirits of men who lived on earth long before Christ, as well as since: and have, or could have from the spirits of people who were his contemporaries in life and knew him face to face on earth; why have we not had communications from Christ himself or his contemporaries?

What does Christ say of himself, or his contemporaries, who knew him, say of his parentage? and if communications were had with the spirit of Pontius Pilate himself; is he not sure that he would say that he knew no such person as Christ, and never sat upon any such trial as is accorded to him in the Testament? for, I feel sure that he would.

Mr. Murphy thinks it strange that men will believe the history's of such men as Solomon, Aristotle, Solon, Lycurgus, Pythagoras, Plato and others, and are reluctant to accept the history of Christ.

The reason of this is, there is no conflicting statements about the birth and parentage of these men as of Christ; their history or their own writings in life, or their contemporaries in life have been left to identify them; their lives were not written as Christ's, God, or the son of God, centuries after their death by Christian Monks and forced upon the people as was Christ.

Not one particle of evidence can be produced that he was any benefactor to the human race as he would or could be if he was what is claimed of him to be.

J. Hollingsworth.

## DON'T WORRY CLUB.

A new club was born Wednesday night at 22nd and Bartlett streets and christened, 'Don't Worry Club.'

It is a very becoming name in these fretful times. The hall was arranged for the inauguration occasion and all present enrolled their names as charter members, officers were elected for the first month.

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NOTE—

Apropos to the old saying: "Many men of many minds." There should be meeting places and clubs of many kinds. As men grow out of old channels of thought and action there comes new desires and demands for new condition supplies—So we say: "Success to the new Club."—[EDITOR.]

## OPENS DANCE WITH PRAYER

A dance given by the Pastime Club of Knightsville opened with a prayer by the pastor of the church as a compromise with the young dancers who were members of the club and church, says a Brazil, Ind. dispatch. The pastor and older members of the church who opposed the dance attended it in a body, with authority to stop the fun if it became to their eyes unseemly. The waltzes were played slowly and there was no interruption. There is still much feeling however as a result of the entertainment.

NOTE.—Our friends in Indiana are behind the times, for it has been the custom of a church in San Francisco for several years to have its Pastor or Elder present to ask divine guidance and protection while they trip the "fantastic toe;" and at the close, render thanks etc. This is consistent and rational.—Ed.

## HUMAN RIGHTS.

Woman has precisely the same title and right to independence and equality before the law that man has. Both hold title from the same source. She has just as much right to sit in judgment on man, and limit his sphere and his actions, as he has to limit hers. Therefore any attempt by man to deny woman independence or equality of rights is simply the assertion of brute force. Brute force degrades those who successfully use it. Every time it is resorted to there is a reaction toward the brute creation.

The man who eats bread that is earned by others is a parasite; in the social economy he is but a sack with a sucking mouth. Not being compelled to exert his other organs or faculties, they cease to grow. Astonishing as it may seem, there is an almost universal desire among men to become a parasite; that is, a desire to get into a position where they can gratify their appetites and tastes without labor, a desire to take things rather than to make things,—a desire to get something for nothing.—John P. Altgeld, in 'The Cost of Something for Nothing.'



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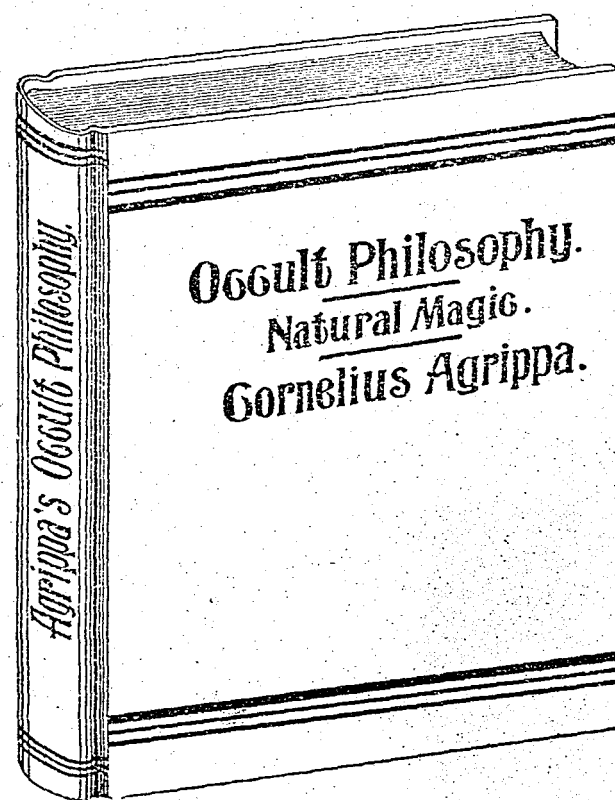
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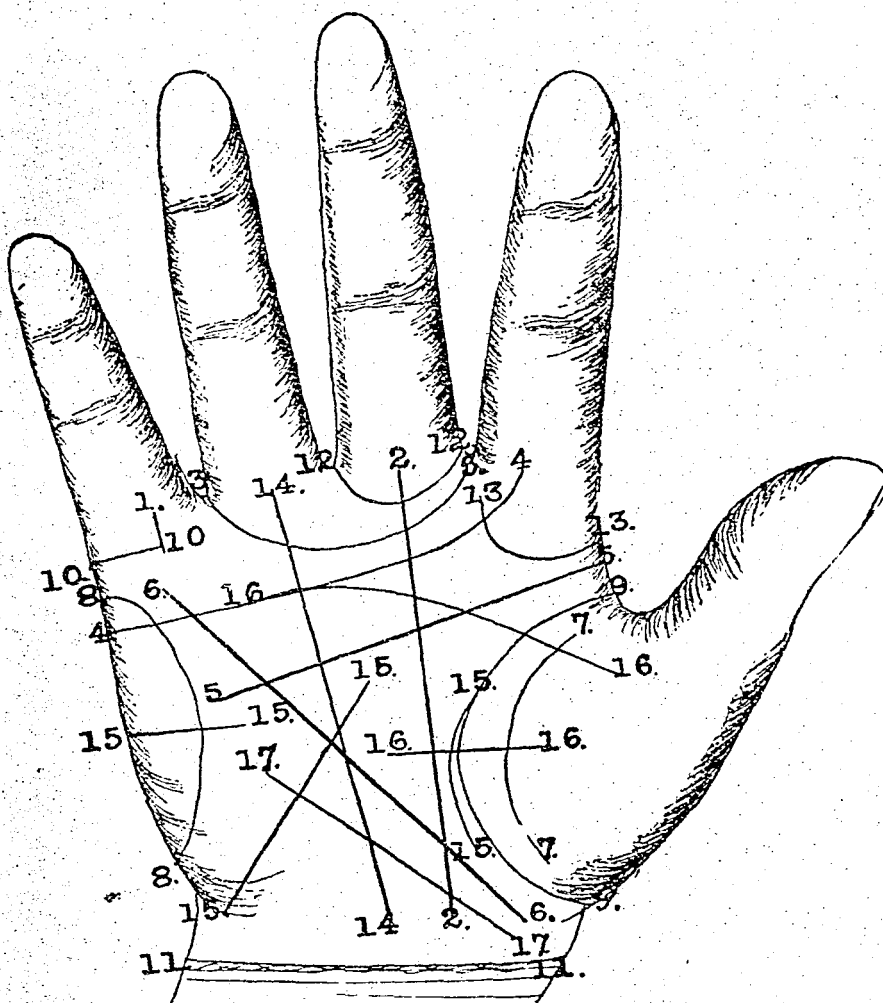
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**J. Stitt Wilson** delivered his fourth lecture at the Academy of Science on last Sunday. The subject being: "The Labor Problem" from an ethical and spiritual standpoint. The hall was packed with intelligent men and women who, in their hearts desire to see the day when this vexed question of Capital and Labor will be settled Right. Mr. Wilson has no superior on these lines. He speaks again next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

**Dedication**—Mrs. Sadie Eberhardt opened her new Hall with appropriate services on Thursday evening of last week. Mrs. Eberhardt in her introductory remarks extended to the many friends present a very cordial greeting; then she introduced Mrs. Sarah Seal who gave an invocation, following with a dedicatory address. Mr. W. R. Gardner displayed his remarkable gift as a Psychometrist and a message bearer. Mrs. Eberhardt then held the audience for an hour giving spirit messages. This beautiful hall is situated at 267 San Jose Ave. its seating capacity is seventy five. The walls and ceiling are beautifully decorated and further adorned with Pictures and Draperies. Mr. and Mrs. Eberhardt are to be congratulated on their success, in at last securing a permanent home for spiritual work.

**The Peoples' Church** will give a Social on Monday evening, August 15th at the New Spiritualist Headquarters, Odd Fellows Building, 7th and Market streets, second floor, Rooms 7 and 8. The hall is large and convenient and has an excellent floor for dancing, which will be one of the features of the entertainment. The officers of the church are very desirous that every member of the Society who can attend, will do so; in order that preliminary arrangements may be made for the re-opening of the Church in September. Delegates to the State Convention to be held September 2, 3, and 4 will also be elected. Special effort will be made to give the young folks a good time. Come all, and bring your friends.  
E. W. BRIGGS, Sec.

At a regular meeting of the Sunflower League on Thursday the 4th inst. the following members were elected as delegates to the State Convention: Mrs. Sarah J. Stark, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Campbell, Mrs. Addie E. Wood, Mrs. Sarah E. Dungan, Mrs. Elvira Brush, Mr. G. F. Wink. Alternates—Mr. Thos. Johnson, Mrs. Mary W. Billings, Mr. D. N. Place, Mrs. Sexton, Mrs. C. E. Paul, Mrs. G. F. Wink. By the kind permission of Mr. J. Shaw Gillespie the League will hold its next meeting at his residence 1101 O'Farrell St., on Thursday 18th inst. It is hoped that there will be a full attendance.  
Elizabeth M. Campbell.  
Secretary.

## SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS.

TOMORROW.

Oriental hall—619 McAllister street, Madam Young and Mrs. Sarah Seal, Lecture and messages.

Covenant hall—Odd Fellows Building, Miss Mae Hunt, lecture and messages.

Orient hall—At 1416 Sutter St. near Franklin St., Lecture, Miss Churchill. Friendship hall—At 335 McAllister St. Lecture and Messages.

The Ladies Aid have secured New Headquarters, on the second floor, rooms 7 and 8, Odd Fellows Building corner 7th and Market Sts., and will hold a meeting there on Sunday (tomorrow) afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Sarah Seal will deliver an address; followed by messages from several good mediums. Good music, all welcome.

Friday Night benefit meeting in Sunflower hall, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society, was not as well attended as we wish to have it. Mrs. Hovet gave the readings which were very correct. Mrs. Hovet is very pleasing in her manner and way of giving tests. Mr. Brandt of Australia also read several articles and favored us with music. Mrs. Sitgreaves presided at the piano as she has done for several evenings, we thank her very kindly. Now that we are to have a larger and much pleasanter hall, easy to reach from all car lines, we hope to have an increased attendance. We have the promise of assistance from many of our best mediums, in the future, as we have had in the past. Who will volunteer to help us? Please let Mrs. Riley our manager for these meetings know who can give us a helping hand.  
Mrs. Mayo, Chairman.

Miss Mac Hunt's meeting Sunday evening at Covenant hall, Odd Fellows building, was well attended last Sunday evening. The lecture guides used for their subject: "Mother, Home and Heaven" which was handled in a masterly manner by John Pierpont and H. W. Longfellow where upon they touched the home life in many of its branches and most especially the effects of the love between parents and children. These revival meetings will continue indefinitely.—Mrs. Julia M. Brown.

Mrs. M. A. Mayo was the recipient of a Surprise Party on Wednesday evening last at the residence of her daughter Mrs. Hitchcox in Noe Valley. An enjoyable evening was spent by the visitors and a number of musical items were gone through. One of the features of the evening's entertainment was the psychometric readings of Mrs. Clara Jewett whose wonderful accurate readings created no small stir.

It was a happy coincidence that Mrs. Alice McKie the granddaughter of Mrs. Mayo, held a party in commemoration of her natal day also under the same roof. Both sets of guests amalgamated and the festal boards showed the faces of young and old accordingly. We most heartily congratulate Mrs. Mayo on the event and trust she may long be spared for such happy reunions.

A Letter to Mrs. B. F. Small of this city from Mr. and Mrs. Lillie states they are at Lily Dale Camp. Their numerous friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Lillie is recovering from a severe sickness, but spoke last Sunday evening. Mr. Lillie has charge of the entertainments and is making himself very useful at the camp. Mr. H. D. Barrett and his estimable wife have been quite ill but are slowly recovering.

## Oakland Notes.

A pleasant social was held at the residence of Mrs. A. M. Tylers, 966 West St., Oakland on Wednesday August 3rd, in honor of Mr. Will C. Hodge, among the guests were mostly members of the Psychic Society, after spending an hour or so in music and listening to remarks, from Mr. Hodge and Mr. Gillette the guests 22 in number were served with refreshments, after which Mr. Hodge departed amid the good wishes of all on his journey.

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## TRUSTING.

I was out in my row boat alone  
And I felt the swelling waves,  
And although dense mists were around me  
My soul felt loves joy which saves.

Then out of the darkness a vision  
Before me appeared so fair  
I saw in that vision my ideal  
The face of my dream was there.

Two strong arms extended toward me  
Two eyes looked into mine  
I knew that my heart was captured  
My soul was no longer alone.

I left my calm row boat of safety  
And glided over the sea  
The bright vision was evenescent  
While luring evaded me.

Then a doubt came into my heart  
A thought that it might not stay  
I looked back to my bark of safety  
And saw it floating away.

I was out in the ocean alone  
Doubt's breakers were sounding near  
Hope's anchor was drifting from me  
But my heart said never fear.

ADA Z. STITES.



## AFTER DEATH—WHAT?

BY CHARLES DAWBARN.

### CHAPTER THIRD.

The spirit who has just escaped from his mortal body has been seen a myriad times by clairvoyant eye. But we must remember the limitations of that very interesting faculty. Ask the sensitive to watch the escaping of, say, a Chinese mortal and he will soon be in trouble when he tries to describe the greetings that spirit will receive from his waiting friends and relatives. The whole scene as witnessed will be described in terms as if those of his own nationality were meeting and greeting each other, although the manner and customs of the Chinese would be very different from those of a European or American.

Yet further, if you want to hear

how those Chinese spirits talk to one another, and their exact words, you will not get your curiosity satisfied. I am, of course, aware that as a rare experience a Chinese message to a mortal has been written on a slate, but we are seeking information as to how far the manners, customs and language of earth life would be exported in the spirit world. And we find the report of the clairvoyant couched in terms of his own experience, and national limitations. In a word, clairvoyants contradict one another just as common mortals do. When we seek their assistance because we really need it, as, for instance, to discover a lost friend, one may make a hit, but fifty will fail altogether, or altogether mislead us.

Mediumship, in all its forms, on account of its woeful contradictions is interesting only as spirit talks and tells of earth experiences. We only stop to notice that the tales and descriptions of spirit life are merely a rehash of what the medium has seen, heard or read. The more poetical the language and ideas, and idealised the descriptions of spirit life, the more fascinating becomes the narrative. But we are seeking cold facts, not fancies, and every mind trained to scientific exactness soon recognizes the impossible in most descriptions of spirit form and life.

A tremendous change has taken place. What scientists called a 'critical point' has been passed when spirit man enters upon his new life. Everything in and around has changed, so much we know, we do not have to guess, for the earth senses are left behind. They would be useless to the spirit, for his earth life of yesterday has become his spirit life of tomorrow. The first great fact is that his atmosphere is no longer the same. We assume that he still breathes, but we know nothing of the component parts of his new atmosphere. Here he is inhaling his mixture of oxygen, nitrogen, argon, etc., from which, apparently he gains strength to exhale poisonous carbonic acid which is left after he has extracted the nutriment from his lung food. His earth life is born, lives and dies embedded in poisons, to eliminate

which elaborated forms of life are necessary, or he would soon die. His poison is food for another form of life. His food must in its turn give up its carbon etc., that others may live. So life here is, at best, a clumsy succession of poisons and antidotes, through which he wends his weary way. Any mistakes or omissions and poor man grows sick or dies. But this, so far, is only a sort of kindergarten process for the mortal.

Science has discovered that his body only partially belongs to man in his earth life. Lots of other living beings share its possession, and live and die in its territories. There are friendly and necessary microbes, microbes that kill; and microbes that care nothing about him one way or the other. There are policemen corpuscles, and a vast army of scavengers keeping man's inside clean. There are independent intelligences with, we are told, different forms of life producing different kinds of living ferments for each organ. But all these necessary complications, and various personalities, belong to earth life and its conditions. Man's great task in earth life is to keep them all contented, or he soon suffers. So at this very first step of our investigation we see that these myriad forms of life within a man's body as well as the poisons he manufactures and exhales out of both atmosphere and food, must all go with him to his new life if he is to be the same man we knew yesterday.

Here we must briefly consider the nature of 'critical points,' for when man dies he passes a 'critical point' which changes everything in and around him. A 'critical point' is a change so wonderful and complete that nothing but experience would deem it possible. For instance, water plays a chief part in the appearance and preservation of life upon our little planet. Naturally it has been carefully studied from the time man began to strive to know something of both himself and his surroundings. Yet without actual experience who could have guessed that at a certain degree of temperature the water would no longer be water, but become ice,

upon or in which man would soon die. Nobody knows why there should be this tremendous change produced upon water, so the point at which the change takes place is called a 'critical point.'

In the other direction, at another 'critical point' water becomes steam where its properties and powers are so changed that it is destruction to man to inhale or even to touch it. There is precisely the same raw material, yet at one side this 'critical point' it is an essential of man's life, whereas on the other it becomes a mode of destruction. The steam itself soon reaches gas, a totally different thing. Presently even the gas vanishes and man the mortal can follow it no further.

[To be Continued.]

## CARD FROM DR. PEEBLES—CORRECTIONS.

In this late booklet of mine, 100 pages, embodying the pro and con of Re-incarnation, or "The Soul's Successive Embodiments," the price marked in the advertisement was fifty cents. This was a mistake, it should have been thirty cents and the postage five cents.

In this last book of mine, 400 pages, just from the press, entitled "The Demonism of the Ages and Spirit Obsession," the price of postage, I regret to say was omitted. The book is \$1.00 and postage 19 cents.

Already a thunderbolt has fallen. L. S. Ditson of Saratoga Springs, N. Y. writes me (I quote him verbatim), "Though doubtless this book of yours upon Obsession was on your part well meant and is exceedingly interesting, it will I fear, hurt our blessed Spiritualism, because making so prominent the shady side of the movement which you call Obsession."

My pointed reply was in part, "If the exposing of frauds, I said, if solid facts relating to spirit influences, if the plain positive truth will hurt Spiritualism, then let it be hurt. My motto is, the truth at all hazards."

We have had (so it seems to me) for the last dozen years quite too much from the press and from the



platform, that there is no hell or hells, no devils or demons, no evil in the world, and no evil spirits in the spirit world. The hells beyond, if there be any, bloom immediately into heavens. Malevolence is pronounced undeveloped benevolence, and rape undeveloped righteousness—all is good—there is no matter, all is mind, there are no frauds among mediums, or, if there be any they only call attention to the phenomena of spiritism, and so on ad nauseam.

These teachings, violating every principle of equity and moral justice as related to reason and a cultured conscience, have become morally sickening to not only sound thinkers, but to every man and woman of moral fibre. The consequence of these things are; that many Spiritualists during the past year have retired; others, not exactly retiring, attend the liberal churches.

This sophistry of frauds, no evil, no evil spirits, sometimes called 'philosophy', amounts to just this, conceal the festering wrong, say nothing of the bad, nothing about that growing fibroid tumor, nothing about that syphilitic blood sure to poison the blood and deform the offspring, nothing about pre-natal murder, nothing about those counterfeit bank notes, nothing about the dynamite that in a midnight hour the incendiary was seen to throw under your neighbors house, nothing about these frauds, these audacious frauds that blacken and disgrace the seance room, that seance-room which should be sacred to honesty, integrity, purity, spirituality, immortality and heaven itself, but all is mind, all is lovely, all is right! I never swear—never; but occasionally use emphatic language, possibly more emphatic than euphonious; but when I see these silly theories advanced, these horrible frauds committed in the great name of Spiritualism, language fails me.

Spiritualism, rooted and enzoned in spirit, pure, essential, and immutable, with its genuine gifts, its heavenly teachings and its necessary and natural soul-unfolding is the greatest and the grandest cult in the universe, and the only cult which gives the world the most irrefragable and the most positive proof of a future conscious existence.

Personally I am conscious of the presence of spirit intelligences every day of my life. These later days are my happiest days. My vision of subjective realities is absolutely priceless; and appreciating, I drink in the grand, the glorious and uplifting truths that daily stream from those heaven inspired lips of the wise over death's divide, as I do on a more material plane, the shimmering sunbeams of June's loveliest morning.

Remember, reader, that letters

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#### EXTENDED LIVING.

It is an utterly mistaken though popular idea that a man is necessarily superannuated when he is sixty or seventy years old.

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It is now an accepted law of the animal kingdom that the duration of life is normally five times the period of growth, which, being twenty-one years in man, makes the limit of his years one hundred and five.

Sir Benjamin Richardson, an eminent English physician, expresses the opinion that the normal period of human life is about one hundred and ten years, and that seven out of ten persons could live to that age if they would conform to the laws of health.

Metschnikoff, the great Russian biologist, holds that we should live one hundred and forty years. A man who expires at eighty, he says "is the victim of accident, cut down in the flower of his days."—Ex.

#### WILLIE'S QUESTION.

Where do you go when you go to sleep?

That's what I want to know, There's loads of things I can't find out,

But nothing bothers me so. Nurse puts me to bed in my little room

And takes away the light. Then off I go to the funniest place, Where everything seems queer, Though sometimes it is not funny at all;

Just like the way it is here. There's mountains made of candy there,

Big fields covered with flowers. And lovely ponies and birds and trees,

A hundred times nicer than ours. Often dear mamma, I see you there And sometimes papa, too, And last night the baby came back from heaven

And played like he used to do. So all of this day I've been trying to think,

Oh, how I wish I could know, Whereabouts that wonderful country is

Where sleepy little boys go.

—Independent.

Just as a chimney that is full of soot is in most danger of catching fire, so one who is full of error is in most danger from the inharmonious thoughts floating in the atmosphere around him.

#### A PARTIAL LIST OF CAMP MEETINGS OF THE SEASON 1904.

##### UNITY CAMP MEETING.

Washington State Spiritualists Association Camp Meeting at Edgewood Camp, Surprise Lake, from July 31 to August 21, 1904. Closing August 22 and 23, with 8th annual convention. For particulars apply to Julian W. Smith, secretary; 1115 North Fifth street, Tacoma, Wash.

The Lynn Spiritualists Association will hold meetings every Sunday at Unity Camp, Saugus Center, Mass., commencing June 5, and ending Sept. 25. For all particulars address Mrs. A. A. Averill, 42 Smith street, Lynn, Mass.

Island Lake, Mich.—The Island Camp, at Island Lake, Mich., 42 miles from Detroit, on the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, commences July 10, and extends through the month of August. For full programme address H. R. La Grange, Secretary, 84 East Mont-Calm street, Detroit, Mich.

An excellent programme has been prepared for the coming season. We have under contract such speakers as mediums as B. F. Austin, G. W. Kates and wife, Amanda Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. White, D. A. Herrick, Dr. Julia M. Walton, Mrs. Margaret LaGrange, W. V. Nicum, and others. Farmer Riley will positively be with us the first two weeks of camp. Every phase of mediumship will be represented. Correspondence solicited with first class trumpet and slate writing mediums.

Lake Brady, Ohio.—The Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp meeting opens July 3 and closes September 4. For full programme address, A. G. Kock, Akron, Ohio.

Freeville, N. Y.—The dates for the Central New York Spiritual Association Camp-meeting, at Freeville, N. Y., are from July 23 to Aug. 22, four weeks and five Sundays. Owing to the protracted and severe illness of our secretary, Miss Victoria C. Moore, I am acting secretary, to whom all letters pertaining to the camp should be addressed W. W. Kelsey, President, Cortland N. Y.

Maple Dell Park, Ohio.—The American Spiritual, Religious and Science Union will hold a camp session at Maple Dell, commencing July 24 and closing Sept. 1. Lucy King, corresponding secretary. Address with stamp, Box 45, Mantua, Ohio. The grounds will be open or family reunions, Sunday-school picnics, and Sunday meetings, etc., from June 1 to Sept. 15.

Grand Ledge, Mich.—The Grand Ledge (Mich.) camp opens July 31 and closes August 28. For full programme address J. W. Ewing, Grand Ledge, Mich.

Onset Camp—Commences July 24 and ends August 28. For full programme and particulars address the secretary of the camp, Onset, Camp.

Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton Iowa, The camp session of the M. V. S. A., Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton Iowa, will open July 31 and close August 28. For programmes address Mollie B. Anderson, secretary, Clarksville, Mo.

Forest Home, Mich.—The fifth annual camp-meeting opens at Snowflake, Mich., July 31 and closes Aug. 21. Write to Mrs. Ruth Eastman, secretary, Mancelona, Mich., Box 69, for full particulars.

Chesterfield, Ind.—Chesterfield, (Ind.) camp meeting opens July 14 and closes August 28. For programs and other information address Lydia Jessup, secretary, Chesterfield, Ind.

Delphos Camp, Kans.—This camp meeting will begin August 5, closing August 22. Address all communications to I. N. Richardson, secretary, Delphos, Kans.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

MISS MAE HUNT, MEDIUM.

Q. Do the spirits who have been in the spirit world and arisen to that blest abode where all earth conditions are a thing of the past, return as guides to any living mortal called a medium?

A. There are many paths of approach to this question: first the highly developed spirits do return to mortals and mediums at times, under favorable conditions, but there are some who have gone into such distant realms above that they do not return in direct contact with the earth, but transmit their thoughts and messages through other spirits lower in the scale of unfoldment than themselves and so on down until it is given to the medium.

In the second place, there is so much depends on the transmitter or medium, as to their honesty and qualifications. Many times the message is not received as it was intended by the spirit, sensitive mediums are like telegraphic wires which if crossed or disabled, do not transmit perfectly the telegram sent along its wires, and outside people are to blame for much that is imperfect in mediumship, for they are ignorant of the laws governing it and they persecute their mediums and make it so hard for them to work, for their minds become disturbed and cannot reflect what they would otherwise, from high spiritual beings, and too, so many mediums have to work and wonder how they can succeed with a living, where if their thoughts could be free from such disturbances, they could do much better work. When people make more effort to understand sensitives they will find there's nothing the spirit world cannot do through their mediums.

Q. Did God make the world in six days?

A. No; it would be impossible for God or any other force, to make the world in six days. It could only be produced through the law of evolution. The world did not spring out of nothing, there was forces and processes at work ages ago that have produced the world, one cycle at a time, the same as the petals of a rose are formed.

There have been discoveries of pre-historic remains of cities that science proved existed before the christian era, and fossilized remains curios, relics, etc., that were buried thousands of years before Christ. There are valuable manuscripts in existence today, which if exhumed would produce wonderful revelations, great histories of ancient

racess, not even known of, which would prove that the world was inhabited ages ago, and that the world has been thousands of years in developing thus far.

In ancient Egypt and India there are wonderful secrets hidden away in tombs, written on material similar to parchment, in hieroglyphics and dead languages. In future years these manuscripts will be dug up and many a student will study them for years trying to grasp their meaning, and their are spirits who could, through the right mediums reveal these things easily and will do so in time to come.

### "HOW BEAUTIFUL IS THE MORNING."

How beautiful is the morning—after the darkness of night, after all nature has rested, after the flowers have folded their petals and slept, after the birds sweet notes have been hushed, the baby's cry been stilled on mothers breast, tired bodies and brains have found sweet rest in the quiet and repose of the night time, when the sun has hidden his bright face for a while, that he might shine forth with greater brightness, after the material door has been closed and the spiritual one opened to let the angels in and listen to their words of cheer and comfort, after fresh life and strength has been gathered from the sweet deep silence of all nature.

How beautiful is the Morning—with the sun peeping over the hill-tops, looking down on the flowers and saying to them with a glad loving voice, Wake up, Wake up! open your eyes and see the little jewels sparkling on you, listen to Mother Earth as she hugs your little rootlets and calls you her babies; for

are you not, is she not feeding and giving you life? and bids you be bright and beautiful for her sake; listen to the birds song as it breaks in its strength and sweetness, hear the water murmur its praise as it flows along, see it, as the sunlight falls shimmering upon it—the trees lift up their heads and go forth in gladness; the brains that have put aside in the rest time the thoughts and cares of yesterday, ready for the newer food, grander inspirations, the body that has relaxed and gather in new life reaching forth for newer life—all nature, all clad in a new robe, all singing a new song, all expressing a greater degree of God's power, again we say, how beautiful is the morning, this time of spiritual unfoldment.

When out of the stillness of the ages, out of the dark time of the soul, there is coming with the morning light, a greater appreciation of all God's works. When our lives are becoming more attuned with Him, when the song that has been sung in all this long, long time, is ever bursting forth in grander volume as it rolls away into eternity, where every note that is uttered, no matter whether caught from the brook, the woods, the flowers, the birds, the mountains, the sky, the child, the man, the glad note, the sad note, all, all, shall strike within these selves of ours and find a response, where the look, the smile, the voice shall echo back, yes, I feel, I know, I sympathize with you; for are you not a part of me, and I a part of thee, and all a part of God; and have we not been created and recreated through love, God's love?

You are all beautiful for in each one of you can I find a different expression of this love and do you feed the different parts of my being. In my Fathers house (this body I wear) are many mansions. In the

rooms of this mansion, do you a belong and from these rooms comes an answering song. The trees spreading out their branches and offering a cool, green shade, belong in the mansion of rest, the birds carol as it trills out the life force within its little body, floats away and finds lodgment within the mansion of song, where each room has a different instrument that the many voices of nature may play upon; the water with its ebb and flow—its calm and its storm, its little boats and large ships, its safe riding and its many disasters, its long journeys and its short ones, all touch in the mansion, for all must be found within its portals.

The times of calm, the times of storm, the times of when we were like the little boats tossed hither and thither and when like the great ships we rode the water so proudly, times when life for us was short and when it lasted longer periods, the time when this life force was weak and when it was strong, times when through greater knowledge the life bark rode safely into port, or times when it was wrecked upon the shore or rocks, and now with the morning light as we are looking into, and living in this wonderful temple, coming daily and hourly into a greater recognition of all its grandeur, of the length of time—Eternity—that we shall abide therein, of how we can enter the different rooms of this temple and bring forth what is needed for the day, aye, the hour; how much of health and strength it contains, that has been piling up, accumulating throughout the ages, how the whole vast building is constantly illuminated by the light of God's face; however, His grand, still voice is echoing and re-echoing within its rooms and corridors and how in the stillness it comes floating to us, how through simplicity, and child-like faith we have but to ask and this voice speaks loudly to us, Oh, children of earth, how beautiful is the morning!

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### THE SAME OLD QUESTION.

The question has been asked over again and again why have not the Spiritualists built temples, established schools, maintained missions provided comfortable homes for the worn out, aged and incurables, hospitals for the sick, etc.

The answers have been given many times in long and wordy articles, but the most correct one which can be cited as the potent reason for the failure to provide and secure the above name institutions have become matters of record in the memories of the good who have passed to the beyond too soon to see the fruition of their efforts and hearts desire; and can be summed up in these words.

A lack of the true humanitarian and co operative spirit among our people. A want of willingness to lend a helping hand to those who are competent and desire to do philanthropic work, until this much desired spiritual growth has been attained and is manifested in the life and expression of Spiritualists will we succeed in the true interpretation of the message Spiritualism has for the world.

### CHANGE.

Inasmuch as growth implies change, why are so many people so much afraid of changing their long cherished views? especially those who profess to take the Bible for their guide, which says, leave the things which are behind, and press on to those that are before. And also why do they not heed the exhortation to daily grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Truth? All who grow or progress, must certainly change. A growth in grace and in the knowledge of the truth would seem to be desirable for all those who want to be led into all truth, as to some in Scripture it is promised.

Yet we hear church members say "we want to be anchored somewhere." Do we want to be anchored? Come to a standstill; is a ship that is anchored pursuing its

course to a given point? No, it is rocking and swaying restlessly, not moving forward. I heard a church member say, "I was born a Presbyterian, and shall probably die a Presbyterian!" Is that following Jesus?

Take the case of B. Fay Mills, those who heard him gladly, when preaching for the Orthodox now refuse to listen to his words, for what reason? Simply because in a closer acquaintance with Christ and his teachings, his views are broadened and he is still constrained to follow Him. Through evil as well as good report. Can a leader stand still, or even a thinker?

MRS. C. K. SMITH  
 San Diego, Cal.



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### LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

#### EDITOR JOURNAL:

I trust you can find space in your valuable JOURNAL for a little article concerning one of the most practical institutions it has been my privilege to come in contact with in the few years that I have engaged in public work along spiritual lines.

I refer to the place known as "The Peoples Mission" 540 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, conducted by Mrs. Hooker, McEvoy and other efficient workers.

About two weeks ago I visited the place and delivered a discourse in the interest of the movement and was agreeably surprised to find myself in such pleasantly harmonious surroundings.

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I hope that some who read this article, especially citizens of Oakland will visit the Mission and have a talk with Mrs. McEvoy, she will explain the nature of the work.

Financial aid is needed as well as kind thoughts and words. Spirit-

ualists! quit knocking and do your duty.

I am still in Santa Cruz lecturing to good audiences and would be glad to hear from Spiritualistic and New Thought Societies.

Yours,

Chas. J. Anderson.

### CAMP JOTTINGS.

Oregon City, Or., Aug. 8, 1904  
 EDITOR JOURNAL:

It may be of interest to some to hear about the New Era Camp meeting, which closed last month.

The Association did some needed improvements this year, such as painting and enlarging the hotel and also ceiled and painted the tabernacle.

We had a very interesting and instructive meeting; due in a great measure to the untiring efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Arthus S. Howe, 6 Collage Row, San Francisco. I can not praise too highly their work not only as lectures and message mediums, but pleasant associates to have at a camp meeting. Associations, seeking good talent will do well to write them.

We also had Prof. A. J. Davis and wife, the blind musicians, formerly of Oskaloosa, Iowa, but lately from Oakland. They gave three excellent musical concerts. Prof. Davis is better known to the musical world as Earnest Florinski, the composer of several pieces of music.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year; President Green Love, Portland, Ore. vice-pres. Ben F. Atherton, Portland, Ore., secretary, Lorena L. Meindl, Oregon City; treas. John Burgoyne New Era, Ore., Cor. Sec. George Lazelle, Oregon City.

Fraternally,

Lorena L. Meindl.

### A LETTER FROM MRS. ANNA L. GILLESPIE.

Chesterfield, Ind., Aug 8, 1904  
 EDITOR JOURNAL:

I have wondered if your readers would be glad to hear from the wanderer, so send a line.

Finishing my work in Brady, Ohio, I went for two weeks to Chicago, when I was so unfortunate as to be in a wreck on I. C. R. R. This, while it shook me up and bruised me and the loss of a tooth caused me some trouble—was not a lasting trouble and I reported for duty in a little over a week.

While in Chicago I assisted at the meeting conducted by Mrs. Burleigh, on Sunday night, and the following Sunday at the Hyde Park Society. At the latter place a large audience assembled despite the awful heat, and we had a splendid meeting.

Then we started for Clinton,

Iowa. It was my first work on this Camp Ground and every moment of the four day's engagement was most pleasant, and it was with regret I bade them "Good-bye."

Many of the San Francisco friends were inquired after. Among the inquiries were, some for Dr. Phelon Mr. Jones, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mrs. Rewman, Will Hodge, and Sister Billings. To my surprise Mrs. Lichtig was one of the first to welcome me, and it was not long until I felt quite at home in my new and comfortable quarters. I wish to say that the talented family who furnished the vocal music, Prof. Zimobach, wife and daughter, presented the best camp music I have heard.

The band of singers, Mr. Peck, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Cooper, and all others do all in their power to make the Camp useful and pleasant for all comers.

After four days of pleasant work again I packed my belongings and started for Chesterfield, Ind., where I found the largest audiences and greatest number of campers of the season; every cottage is full, a great array of talent of all kinds.

The mediums having all the work they can do, the conditions seem very harmonious and the social part of the camp life is quite happy. The Lyceum of sixty children is most interesting. Mrs. Buland of Indianapolis who had it in charge previous to my arrival, had the work in splendid shape, and much credit is due her. Many young people on the ground make it lively. The lectures are all well attended and each speaker has a host of friends who give them a royal welcome.

The month will soon pass now, and while everyone is most kind, I will be glad to rest once more with the dear ones.

My one regret is, that I cannot send the messages for "Alice Corner," but camp life is not quiet enough, too many demands upon the force needed for message work of this kind; but Alice with me sends love to all the circle of friends whom I hope soon to greet in person.

Yours fraternally,

ANNA L. GILLESPIE.

We are living, we are dwelling,  
 In a grand and glorious time!  
 In an age on ages telling—  
 To be living is sublime.  
 Hark! the waking up of nations,  
 Many peoples in the fray—  
 Hark! what soundeth? Is creation  
 Waking for the coming day?  
 Will ye play, then—will ye dally,  
 With your music and your wine?  
 Up! it is the Spirit's rally!  
 Heaven's own arm hath need of thine  
 Hark! the onset! Will ye fold your  
 Indolent arms in lazy loek?  
 Up, oh, up! Thou drowsy soldier—  
 Worlds are charging to the shock!  
 Worlds are charging—heaven beholding  
 Thou hast but an hour to fight!  
 Now, the flag of Truth unfolding—  
 On, right onward, for the right.  
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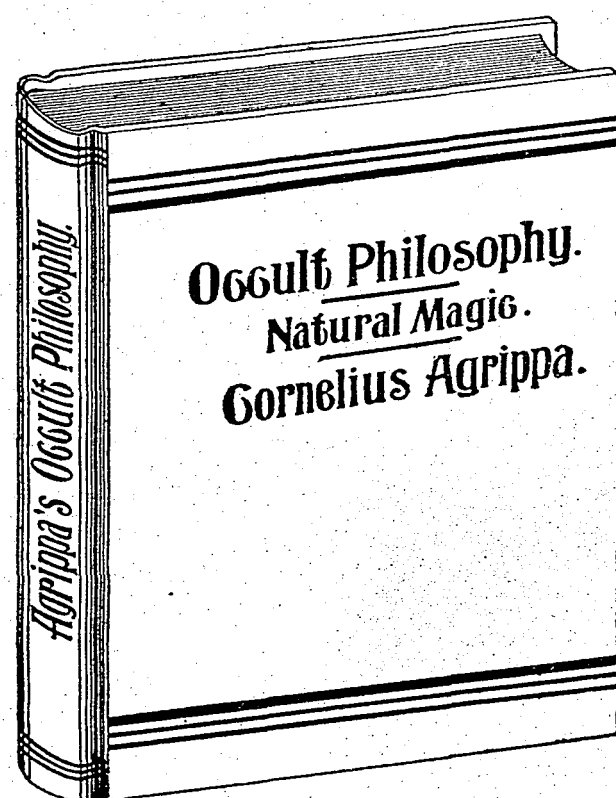
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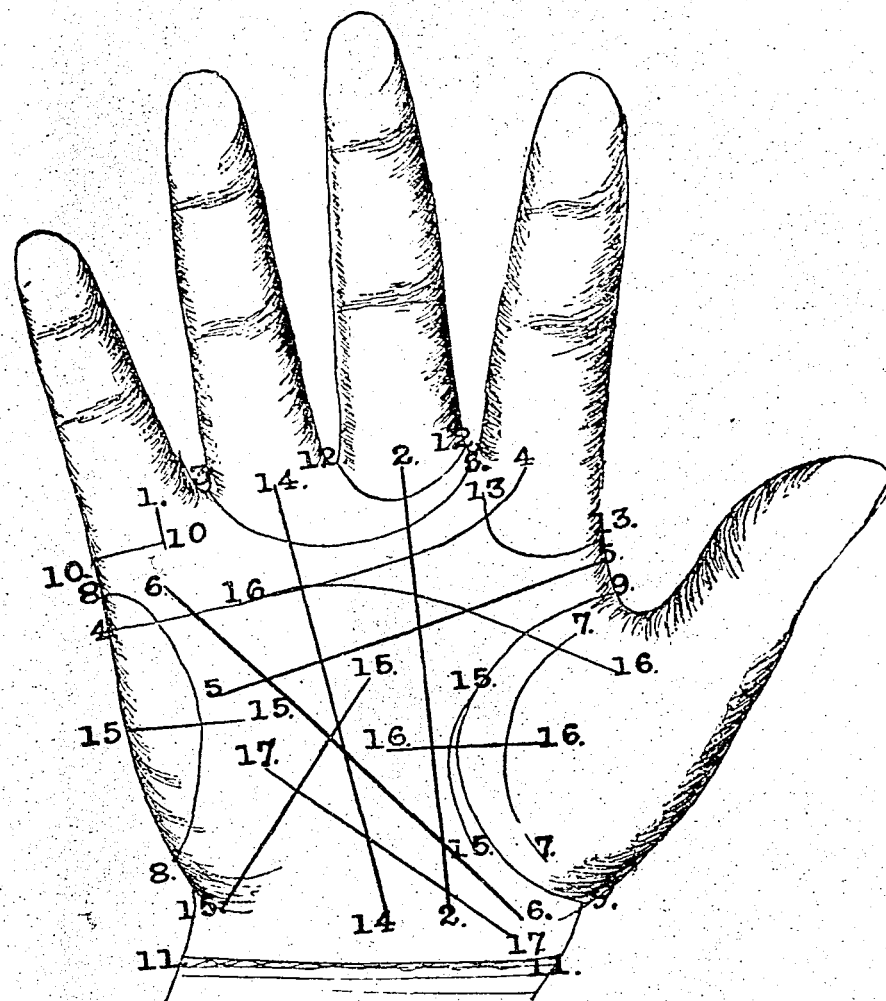
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## AT THE TRYSTING PLACE.

Susie M. Best.

This is the very spot where we,  
Trysted so many times;  
I lean against the Alder tree,  
And hear the vesper chimes.

So many lonely years have fled,  
Since we were side by side,  
And yet I cannot call you dead,  
To love, you never died.

I call you back, I speak your name,  
My heart is charged with faith;  
Leve's might denies the grave's false  
charm,  
I know there is no death.

And lo! a miracle! The years  
Roll back as rolls a mist,  
And straight before me thro my tears  
You rise to keep the tryst.

Bless God who grants to me this grace,  
And proves the truth to me,  
That soul and soul are face to face  
Tho death has seemed to be.

## BORDERLAND.

### AFTER DEATH—WHAT?

BY CHARLES DAWBARN.

#### CHAPTER THIRD.

[Continued.]

We now see that Nature in her processes is not logical. You cannot even guess what she will do next until you find out by experience. Within certain 'critical points' man the mortal can go to school and learn his lesson, he will even boast him of his learning, and add certain letters to his name as marks of distinction. But suddenly he reaches a 'critical point'. His days work is done, and Nature puts her children one by one to bed. That particular point we call 'death.' As we have seen, there are lots of critical points affecting man, but this, and the other 'critical point' called 'birth' are the two changes most important to man the mortal.

When we are now asking "After death—What?" the student must

keep in mind that the manhood we seek, and all its surroundings, are on the other side a 'critical point' and therefore cannot be studied, or even judged by experiences on this side. Yet since all 'spirit return' is from beyond a 'critical point' it is an attempt to bridge the chasm which divides the two states of manhood.

In spite of this marvelous system of 'critical points' which effects man and everything he senses, or of which he can conceive, yet man has persisted in picturing life after death as just a continuance of his present experiences, but with a few very pleasing changes. And there has been little or nothing in 'spirit return' to correct this impossible conception. If we are seeking a truthful answer to our question "After death—what?" we must begin by acknowledging the physical consequences that follow death, and therefore affect man, and all his surroundings.

First, the atmosphere amid which spirit man lives, moves and has his being is quite different to ours. The air mortal man breathes is as well known, and has been as carefully studied as the more solid planet it surrounds and penetrates. Man weighs, measures and analyses it. Its various gases he separates, and at his will reduces them to liquid and solid form. But in any such changes they become unlivable for him, and apart from the necessities of his life. The air must be sufficiently condensed or he cannot breathe it.

A certain number of feet above him it is so rare that he gasps, and bleeds to death. This air, so essential to his life, contains one, and perhaps more actual poisons, such as carbonic acid. Yet this is essential in its minute quantity from his cradle to his grave. But it also contains solids. Man himself, and also the planet, has only to become sufficiently broken to pieces to become dust, and float in this wonderful atmosphere. Almost everything of which we can conceive, including living beings, are found in this atmosphere, and the nearer the earth the more of them there are, and the further outward you travel the fewer you find.

The point here to notice is that some of this atmosphere is positively injurious, yet a great deal of it, that is to say, much more than the mere oxygen, nitrogen, argon, etc., is absolutely necessary if the planet is to continue to be the abode of living beings. Some years ago a terrific volcano explosion from Krakatoa so filled the atmosphere with broken up planet that for years the sunsets were gorgeous beyond the experience of any then living. In other words, there was more dust than usual, perhaps of a different kind, in the atmosphere, and man had therefore, more of it to breathe into and out of his lungs. But the earth itself is a living being, just as dependant upon this atmosphere and the dust in it as man himself.

There must be dust in this atmosphere or both man and planet would go to pieces. Tyndall taught us long ago that every drop of water collects around a particle of dust. Water and dust thus float in our atmosphere, and someday fall as rain, without which the planet and all things therein and thereon would presently perish. Without this dust the water instead of falling as rain drops, would crash down as cloud bursts, which would wash all soil, and every trace of animal and vegetable life down into bed of our present oceans. That shows the importance of dust to the planet itself. Take it away and man's senses would become impossible, and he would drive into impotency. Everything he sees, smells, hears, touches, is just movement of these broken up fragments of matter, which we call 'dust' for want of a better name.

A little of this dust floating in the atmosphere, just hits against a certain nerve and he exclaims 'what a beautiful sunset.' He calls the sky blue because the dust in it hits his eye, and refracts certain energies by which the sun keeps in touch with subjects. But those energies are imbedded in dust before man can recognize them. Everything he calls color, be it beauty or ugliness, is merely an effect on certain of his nerves, produced by a combination of suns ray and dust in the air.

Every mortal is attracted or disgusted by color. The bloom on the

maidens's cheek, the beauty of the flower, the verdure which bedecks nature, all depend on the dust in the atmosphere. So while we do not say with the Bible that man is made of dust, we do say that without dust man would be a very different being.

[To be Continued.]

## A MESSAGE FROM SPIRIT LIFE.

I, a scribe and a pharisee who reigned six years B. C. comes to help the weak and suffering.

This is a progressive time and world, why not wake up to it, you who dwell in the mortal world are in great danger, were you all not aware of it, we hope to give you something in our writing to make you perceive it.

Time is a long while for it has no end, and learn all you can while you are here, for when the end of the mortal is clothed in her spiritual garment and passed into the great beyond, you take up there; right where you leave off here.

Let the mind have periods of waitful repose, meditations, calmness and peace, for you must try to make others happy, not miserable, and think of others before you think of yourself. Live in the present or you do not live at all, and it is only by so doing that you vibrate in harmony with the great loving heart throb of the universe and thus become a radiating centre of its love. Most is done in the centre, and thought in the inner spheres of activity.

Wisdom does not come from nothing, only nothing comes from nothing, we are strangers from a strange land, and come to appeal with mortal ones of earth.

Great is that soul in whom affection senses hope, who or what can down the large cheerful, hopeful nature? Nothing is impure and unholy in and of itself only man's thinking makes it so.

I will think no evil, and try to think no evil, have faith in the integrity of your own soul, and stand by it mentally under all circumstances. Doubt has no place in the



divine mind; while you are becoming more and more conscious.

In the mind then, use only knowledge, peace and certainty. The new spiritual day is here, and whether we be afflicted, it is for your own consolation and salvation which is effectual of the same sufferings which we also suffer. Think a while and then say: "I am not doing what I should do, I will try again for the love of humanity.

Anon through pen, Mrs. Clara U. Myers.

#### COMMENTS.

The JOURNAL of the 20th is at hand unusually full of thought producing articles. One enjoys an article with which he agrees; but one with which he disagrees stimulates more thought action.

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It is only just to the Dawburn articles to wait until the writer has his facts all in and his arguments complete, before passing comment.

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Dr. Peebles' letter rings clear. To do away with sophistry and call a spade, a spade will help Spiritualists to find where they are at.

It is well to forgive the sinner, but it is not wise to condone the sin. All may be good, the oak may be in the acorn but its going to take centuries of time an unlimited amount of earth, air and water with considerable sunshine added before the said oak comes into expression.

Clear cut ideals towards which humanity can work is the only way to bring all things to good. For the present best good of the race it will be well a little longer to use the old fashioned terms right and wrong, good and evil.

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Miss Hunt might have carried the answer to her first question farther and said "Many of the higher intelligences communicate with their earth friends by what is known as thought transference or telepathy and do not come personally into the earth's atmosphere."

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The comment on the treatment of sensitives is true, but would it not be wise to advise said sensitives to study and understand themselves more? Every medium who is honest with himself knows the upward or downward pull of influences, whether embodied or disembodied, which surrounds him. It's well not to mix negativeness and sentiveness

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To "The same old question" may not one reply be, Spiritualism presupposes a state of justice, its object is not to found homes and hospitals or build temples, but to teach men how to claim their own, and to seek to hold nothing that is not their own. Eleemosynary institutions belong to the old school and there will be many to endow them with

"conscience money" while Spiritualists are teaching the law of justice which when obeyed will bring the reign of righteousness.

Commenter.

#### LET GO.

Loose them and let them go; when we feel weary and oppressed with an accumulation of cares, loose them and let them go. If at times trials come to be our lot, we must take them up bravely, handle them consciously, get out of them, all there is for us, then let go of them; put them out of our lives, shut them out firmly and bid them begone.

So many of earth's children try to find place to attach one more to their own burdened lives; instead of trying to find out how to let the last one go. Go my over burdened Sister or Brother into the silent hour, cast your body prone upon its back, relax every muscle, every nerve, shut your eyes, letting the lids down slowly and gently, like a babe falling to sleep; trustingly, restfully place yourself in the great enfolding of life's arms, forget that there is a being in life by the name you bare; say to every care and trial begone! lie in this state of perfect relax for at least one half hour every day, with feelings void of offense to life as a whole; then hold the restful freed thought, keep the eyes close while resting; breathe deeply and consciously, send a loving thought of peace and rest all over the body, letting go of every care; kindly but firmly bid them keep away; cultivate love, kind and true and the angel world will bless and sanctify your life with truth and you will become a star in your own world of peace and light.

We can never know the beautiful world we are in, until we burst assunder this soul binding condition burden dragging; it is the clouds of earth pressing upon us. Soul expansion lifts them and we come forth into the sunlight of freedom born of knowledge into light.

Loose every care let them all go. In their place will come song of grateful joy; and life will have a new meaning. Yours for truth and light.

M. R. Stone.

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Forest Home, Mich.—The fifth annual camp meeting opens at Snowflake, Mich., July 31 and closes Aug. 21. Write to Mrs. Ruth Eastman, secretary, Mancelona, Mich., Box 69, for full particulars.

Chesterfield, Ind.—Chesterfield, (Ind.) camp meeting opens July 14 and closes August 28. For programmes and other information address Lydia Jessup, secretary, Chesterfield, Ind.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

MISS MAE HUNT, MEDIUM.

Q. How can we distinguish a spiritual impression from our own thoughts?

A. How do you know which is your own thought, you do not know but what the brain is reflecting a spiritual impression; many times it may seem like your own, when it may be the spirit. It is through cultivation.

If the majority of people, obey their first impression, its usually correct, but if you stop to argue it away you are following your own limited thought instead of the spirit. A spiritual impression always comes with great force, is much quicker than thought.

Those who learn to depend upon their first strong impression, seldom make mistakes or err in judgment. It is beautiful to be led by the will of a higher intelligence than ones self, if you find they advise you unselfishly and correctly.

Q Name in order five of the greatest obstructions to human progression?

A. There are a great many obstructions to human progression, but five of the chief ones are as follows: selfishness, ignorance, intolerance, nursing old opinions, rather than facts, and bigotry, only those succeed who are not so bigoted that they imagine every one else in error, who does not accord with them in beliefs.

One should set there standard very high and assume an attitude of simplicity; realizing that one knows very little at best, when compared with thousands of ages in which to unfold the intellect, what you accept as a truth today you may reject tomorrow and one should not be afraid to thrust aside half truth and grasp the whole.

There is no limit to the progress one may attain, if they divest themselves of imaginary lines and limitations and cultivate a sincere desire for knowledge and the truth.

### IMMORTALITY AND YOUTH.

Immortality must be earned. Heavens must be built while on earth. Not by the mumbling of formulas and adherence to traditional creeds, not by long prayers for God to do our work for us, but by our continual application of the God-given qualities which lie within us—love, will, self-control, helpfulness and hope.

These are the qualities which produce heaven on earth and in the realms beyond. They do not depend upon youth for their vitality.

But youth depends upon them. While they last youth lasts. Every day I hear men and women of middle age sighing for the illusions of youth.

Keep the emotions alive with sympathy, keep the ambitions alive with hope, keep the activities alive with purpose, and the seemingly close boundaries of youth recede as we journey onward, and lo! before we reach the border we are face to face with the other shore, where life begins over again under new and higher conditions—new and higher conditions if we have sought for them here—for only as we have builded by our desire and thoughts and efforts in this graded school of earth life will be able to find better surroundings on the other side.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

### THE BLESSEDNESS OF WORK

Work is the law of life—not only to physical life, but of spiritual life as well.

Were this better understood men and women would be better developed physically, mentally, and morally.

Why it is not better understood, seeing that it is the key to the highest type of health, of usefulness in life and spiritual development?

It is generally conceded that the greatest drawback to the development of the race and to the progress of civilization is the slow development of the spiritual nature of man.

Since the spirit of man is the highest element of his whole nature it must dominate and control all the other elements. This proposition is so very plain and reasonable that even those of ordinary intelligence and limited comprehension can understand it.

That it may not occur to all, not

even to those of ordinary understanding, is quite possible. And that it has not occurred to a great many is proved by the fact that so many men and women of average intelligence have acted upon the suggestion.

### GONE HIGHER.

John Servis passed to higher realms from his earth home in Los Angeles, Cal. He was a Spiritualist twelve years, and a conscientious upright man. The beautiful funeral services conducted by Dr. and Mrs. Chesbro seemed like bidding a dear old friend bon voyage to a fairer clime, from whence he could return at will to greet his friends. The church people were wonderfully impressed with the service.

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### LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

#### EDITOR JOURNAL:

I have been much interested in that department of the JOURNAL, called "Alice Message Corner" and my thanks are due for a sweet little message from several of my dear ones in spirit life.

Although I have never seen a word of recognition or verification of these messages, I feel sure that many have received words of comfort from friends beyond the veil, and I write these words of thanks in justice to that bright spirit and her dear medium to whom we are indebted for the words of cheer which our dear ones are unable to speak directly to us. With best wishes,

H. M. FYONS.

Alameda, Cal.

### FROM THE PEOPLE.

A very pretty Spiritualist wedding occurred at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Chesbro 139 W. Fifth street, Los Angeles. Dr. G. E. Chesbro, pastor of the First Spiritualist Mission, officiating, assisted by his wife.

The parlor was fragrant with many flowers, the color scheme being white and green. The bride was gowned in white silk and lace, and carried a chesher of white carnations. Miss Anna Watson acted as maid of honor, while Geo. Runnells stood with the groom. Mrs. Hughes gave her daughter away. Mr. and Mrs. Morse expect to make their home in San Pedro, where the groom is employed in the Railroad service.

A. VOSS.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF MEDIUMS RELIEF FUND.

#### EDITOR JOURNAL:

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Santa Cruz, Aug. 13.—Mrs. M. A. Shelby died at an early hour this morning at her home on Spruce street. She was one of the oldest white settlers, having resided in Santa Cruz since 1846. She came with her father and mother and family of seven from her native State, Arkansas, across the plains and first settled in Oregon.

In 1846 she came to Santa Cruz and in 1851 was married to Granville C. Shelby, who died about thirty years ago. The seven children preceded their mother in death, who was 74 years old. She has four grandchildren residing at Lompoc and was a sister of the late Mansel and Winston Bennett, and has one sister who still lives. Mrs. D. L. Adams of Los Angeles. She was a member of the Society of Pioneers and of the Unity Spiritual Society.



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## IS MATERIALIZATION TRUE?

Materialization is true, everything we behold with the physical eye is materialized, for materialization means the law of attracting chemical elements together in any form, either as a human being or a beautiful flower.

The atoms of which the body is composed are held together through the laws of attraction and are materialized, old alchemists understand the law of materialization which is simply chemicalization of substances or transmutation of matter which means the changing of one form to another, and spirits can assume materialized forms temporarily and walk and talk, the same as we do, it isn't the old dead body that was laid in the grave, for that is never used again.

Many a time the medium is entranced and the spirit transfigures them, clothing them in spiritual robes and brings them to the cabinet door and some skeptic sees what a resemblance there is to the medium, thinking it a fraud he grabs the medium and people cry fake and treat them shamefully, in this case it is not the medium who should be blamed, it is the fault of the spirit controls who should explain that it is transfiguration and not materialization.

There are four stages of materialization viz: personation, transfiguration, etherialization and materialization, and this is what causes so much cry of fraud, the spirit controls should explain each manifestation for the sake of the medium and audience.

We know there is fraud practiced by some in this beautiful phase but much of it is simply exaggerated newspaper reports and untruthful accounts; remember that reporters are hired to go in and expose mediums, they are doing it for the money, and even have thrown masks and paraphernalia into the cabinet themselves claiming it was the mediums.

Miss Mae Hunt.

## MEDIUMSHIP.

Many mediums are of the opinion that it is wrong to receive money or fees for their professional or medial services.

Of course such mediums receiving no pay, do as little professional or medial work as possible, while those mediums charging reasonable fees do all that they possibly can therefore their development is much more rapid and higher than the free mediums. And in the same proportion as they serve their fellow man by their medial powers in the same proportion they are not only a benefit to him but a benefit to the spiritual cause also, while the money thus received is of no disadvantage to them whatever.

For this reason a great many highly mediumistic persons or naturally born mediums refusing to develop their medial powers such persons therefore being of little or no benefit to themselves or their fellow man; while if such mediums would only charge a reasonable fee and do all that they could they would develop much higher, while the increased benefit to their fellow man and the spiritual cause would be in the same proportion as they did more business.

Most of the mediums having this erroneous idea of charging for medial services are under the control of spirits of some church or religious organization while on earth, and are as much opposed to the spreading of spiritual knowledges and the enlightenment of the people in spiritual science, as while on earth. And such spirit control, know full well, that by influencing the medium, that it is wrong to charge for their medial services is comparatively locking up their medial powers from benefiting the cause, and is just what such spirits wish to do.

As evidence of this fact (that is of mediums charging fees) we will take for example two young men graduating in the same class in medicine, but one of these young men imagines that it is wrong to charge his fellow man for rendering medical services, only practices among a few friends and with cases or patients that he cannot possibly avoid, therefore does as little as possible, while the other physician having no such scruples charges a reasonable fee, therefore does all the practice that he can get, his increased practice develops his medical qualities much higher, while the non-pay physician from lack of practice, actually goes backward in medical skill and intelligence. Now, in twenty years can any one even the most stupid see, which of these two men has been of most benefit to his fellow man. The money that the pay physician received for his services being no worse in his pocket than in that of the patient that paid him.

This same rule will hold just as

good with mediums. Thus it is hoped that all sensitives or mediumistic persons having such erroneous ideas will divest themselves of them, either by ridding themselves of such controls or otherwise and develop their medial powers as highly as possible by practice, charging reasonable fees for all services unless it be for one, too poor to pay or in the interest of the spiritual cause; and by thus enlightening their fellow man in spiritual knowledge, will see the benefits of their work in all time to come while the money thus received will be of no disadvantage to them in the makeup whatever.

As mediums are so badly needed their being many localities where there is not a medium to thirty and even fifty thousand inhabitants, while there should be at least one to each thousand, and if there was one to each family it would be all the better for the spiritual cause and our fellow man.

And, as there are so many exceedingly sensitive or mediumistic persons undeveloped, those taking an interest in the spiritual cause, could not do better than using their influences with such persons and assisting them to develop mediumship.

It must be remembered that all persons born very sensitive, it matters not of what race, color or sex are mediumistic; such persons having generally frail physical bodies with prominent features especially the eyes, such persons are almost invariably highly mediumistic, and in highly elevated countries, owing to the rarity and dryness of the atmosphere and the increased amount of electricity it contains, the inhabitants are much more sensitive or mediumistic than in low damp countries, where they are more phlegmatic.


I would suppose that in many elevated sections at least, one person in eight, if not one in six, are sensitives or mediumistic. And if such sensitive persons will sit for one half hour each day in a dark room it matters not what time of day or night, but sitting at the same time or hour each day regularly, quietly and alone, for one month their medial capacity will be demonstrated to them.

Any person taking an interest in this matter I would be pleased to answer letters from them as possibly I might be of service to them.

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I am booked as speaker for this society for the month of September and present prospects are that there will be found enough for me to do to at least keep me out of mischief. Brother Peebles is again expected at an early date, also Adelaide K. Brooks of Chicago, as well as Bro. Waite who is a fine and successful healer. Altogether our prospects for the winter campaign are exceedingly good and it is not too much too say that Spiritualism is in the ascendancy in San Diego.

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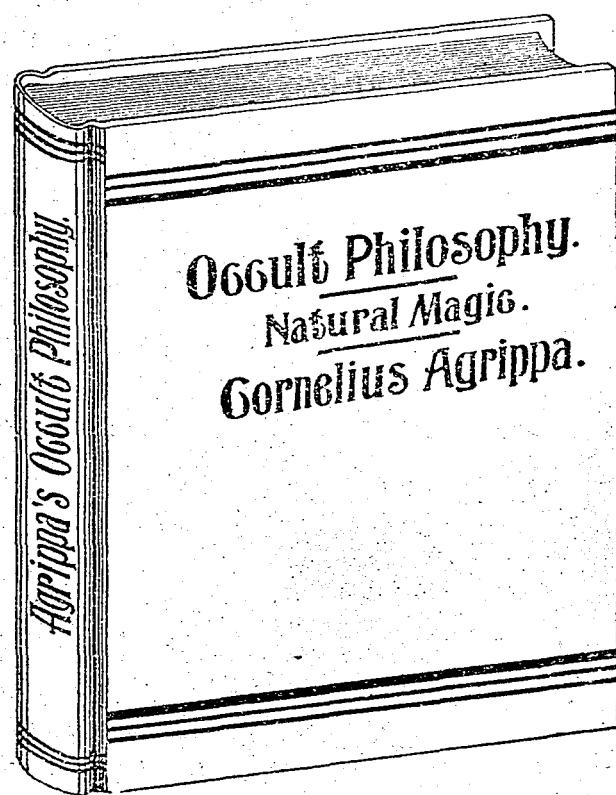
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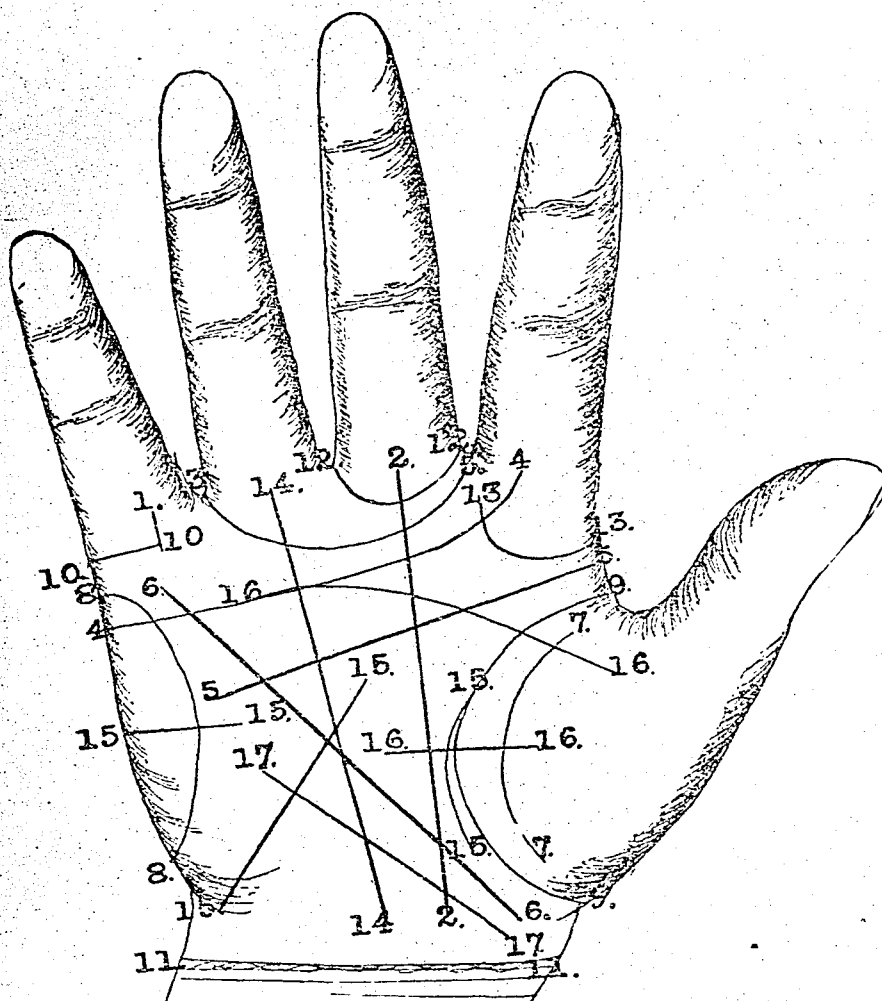
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